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Yau Ma Tei	Dep. 6.50	7.00	10.35	11.45	12.05	12.05	1.20	1.30
Shatin	Dep. 7.00	7.10	10.40	11.50	12.10	12.10	1.25	1.35
Tai Po	Dep. 7.10	7.20	10.45	11.55	12.15	12.15	1.30	1.40
Tai Po Market	Dep. 7.20	7.30	10.50	12.00	12.20	12.20	1.35	1.45
Fanning	Dep. 7.30	7.40	10.55	12.05	12.25	12.25	1.40	1.50
Shuanghai	Dep. 7.40	7.50	11.00	12.10	12.30	12.30	1.45	1.55
Shamshui	Dep. 7.50	8.00	11.05	12.15	12.35	12.35	1.50	2.00

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Our London Letter.

BRITAIN'S SHARE OF WORLD TRADE.

AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

FATE OF CITY OF LONDON CHURCHES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, August 21st.
At the time of writing there is some speculation regarding the position in which British trade will be after the coal strike is ended. Various views are expressed. The subject is, of course, of world-wide interest. A writer in the current review of the Westminster Bank asks the question, "Given normal conditions can Britain retain her trade?" It is the nature of such stoppage as that in the coal industry, the writer indicates, to intensify already existing tendencies rather than to create new problems, and the end of the dispute will leave British industries with the task of picking up the threads of trade as far as possible where they were left at the end of April, or in fact of any month during the last five years.

The writer is concerned with recent utterances published here to the effect that the development of certain "competitor" nations whose resources are possibly greater than ours may reduce our share of the world trade so greatly as to endanger the present standard of living. His conclusion is that such utterances have been inspired by an unduly gloomy view of British trade prospects.

Four Substantial Reasons.

The reasons he gives for cultivating a spirit of cheerful optimism can be briefly outlined. He considers (1) that conditions arising from British being the first modern industrial State to enter the international field and gain a start on other nations, with the result that until 1900 or so these latter were overhauling her, have now become "stabilised," and Britain's share has since remained practically constant; (2) while American trade overseas will doubtless be steadily augmented in years to come, this augmentation can scarcely be confined merely to the export side of her balance-of-payments account; (3) as Germany's present abnormal conditions recede further into the past, her war losses in population, territory, and resources will be increasingly felt; and (4) we are relying to a greater extent than before on our invisible exports to fill the gaps between the "visible" items.

The appropriate comment seems to be that it may be hoped that industrialists will feel reassured by this expert opinion that Britain can retain her due share of the world's trade, given the necessary spirit of goodwill on the part of Labour (with a capital L) in this country.

Sir William Ridgway.

Sir William Ridgway, the eminent archaeologist, who has just died, was generally regarded as the greatest authority of his time on that subject. But he had other interests. It pleased him to be at once an authority on the thoroughbred horse and on the zebra. He was also noted for his sense of humour. He did not suffer fools gladly, and to illustrate this there is a story of an amateur scholar, who arrived one day in Cambridge on a visit and announced that he had formed a new theory on the disputed point of archaeology which he intended to propound to Sir William Ridgway. The visitor's friends, after hearing the theory, advised him to do nothing of the sort, but he persisted and departed for Caius to call on the great man.

What happened at the interview has never been known, but after it had lasted some twenty minutes the visitor was seen flying helter skelter in the street, while Sir William followed, brandishing a stone axe snatched from his wall and crying, "I'll kill the fellow! I'll kill the fellow!"

His sentences exploded rapidly, each being driven home by an emphatic "hmp!" One day two undergraduates were discussing his blindness quite unaware that he was within earshot. "I may be blind, hmp!" said Ridgway, "but I'm not as deaf as the man who said his prayers kneeling on the cat."

The City Churches.

It has not yet been finally decided whether or not the nineteen City churches which are declared to be redundant are to be demolished. Parliament has yet to come to a conclusion on the point. Meanwhile, however, it is of interest to all lovers of London that a suggestion has been put to the Bishop of London by a prominent American resident in the Metropolis that the churches, if they have to come down, should be presented to the Dominions and to the United States.

It is said that some of the Canadian Church Societies are interested very keenly in the matter, especially as the Bishop of London is now visiting Canada, where he will make a fairly long stay.

(Continued on next Column.)

HOW SARK KEEPS THE SABBATH.

MOTOR-BOAT TRIP AN OFFENCE.

COURT COMEDY.

There have been great doings in Sark, one of the smaller Channel islands. A portentous legal battle concerning Sabbath Day observance, ships, and the Constable of the island has been fought out in the little schoolhouse of this 1,200-acre beauty spot.

Sark Court, which only assembles when there is business to transact, met soon after midday, headed by the Constable, Mr. John Baker. There followed the Seneschal, the Sheriff, the Greffier, and the Yingtienier.

The Seneschal presided. He felt at home in the schoolmaster's desk, turned for the time being into a tribunal, for he is also the island's schoolmaster.

After a few brief preliminaries came the one important case of the day. The Constable "actioned" Mr. Walter James Hamon, "captain" of the motor-boat "Joy-Bell," for having on Sunday, July 18th, made an excursion to Guernsey and embarked more than ten passengers. A thrill ran round the court as the indictment was read out. "An excursion! On Sunday! More than ten passengers! Advocate Sherwill appeared for Mr. Hamon, and entered a plea of not guilty. He added as an afterthought that since the "action" was quite improperly drawn up, there was really nothing to plead about.

As Requested.

The court consulted hurriedly, and then asked counsel for the defence to draw up a new and proper "action" for them. Mr. Sherwill promptly obliged, and then, on his client's behalf, again pleaded not guilty.

The Constable, as prosecutor, started to give evidence. Advocate Sherwill objected, unless he was first sworn. The Constable refused, and hotly maintained that "it was not the custom of the island." Happen what might, he insisted, the Constable of Sark should never be sworn.

Waiving this point temporarily, Advocate Sherwill pointed out that the court really could not deal with the case at all. The maximum fine which the Sark Court can inflict is five shillings. The minimum fine for landing more than ten passengers on Sunday is £2.

Matters had now reached a deadlock. The court had come to the end of its tether, and therefore turned to Advocate Sherwill for advice. Abandoning his plea of counsel for the defence, this obliging man became legal adviser to the court. He gave it as his considered opinion that the best solution would be to order his client to pay half a crown, the costs of the action, or alternatively to send the whole case to the Guernsey Court.

All agreed except the Constable, who at once declared, "I appeal to go before the Guernsey Court!" Advocate Sherwill had been expecting this. "No appeal is possible," he said "for the court has decided that no fine is imposed." This final shot crushed the Constable into silence.

Then, with great dignity, the court adjourned.

PROSPECTING BY TELEPHONE.

GOLD AND SILVER FOUND IN A NEW WAY.

Dr. Axel Cavlin, the head of the Geological Department of the Swedish Government, announces that immense deposits of ore containing gold, silver, and copper, have been discovered in Northern Sweden by means of electrical prospecting devices which actually accomplish in a scientific manner what the old-fashioned divining-rods were supposed to do.

It is explained that the main factor about the new method is the manner in which the telephone is impressed into service. A geologist who is also an electrical expert first finds a place where rock suspected of containing ore crops out on the surface of the ground and places one terminal of his electric circuit on this spot.

He then carries a wire, connected both with a telephone and the other terminal, over adjacent land, and periodically touches this wire to the ground. The electric current, if ore is underneath, will flow through the ore and make itself audible in the telephone.

It is predicted that hereafter "lost" mines or lost veins of ore will be sought in this way.

There will be plenty of opportunities to discuss the matter at length. The general idea is that the churches should be taken down, almost literally stone by stone, and each part should be numbered, so that the historic edifices can be re-erected in a suitable environment, as a link between the outlying parts of the Empire and the Empire's hub. It is at all events a very attractive proposition, but whether it will come to fruition remains to be seen.—H.B.

BACK TO LIFE AFTER 8 YEARS. Don't Just Ask For Whisky.

"KILLED" SOLDIER RETURNS TO HIS HOME.

DEAF AND DUMB.

PEMBROKE DOCK.

The astounding story of a dead son come back to life after being officially reported killed in the war in 1918 has created much excitement here.

Mr. John Webb, of Pembroke Dock, heard a knock at the door, opened it, and saw standing outside a man—deaf and dumb—whom he recognised as his son, Private Thomas John Webb, who joined the Army before the war, and of whom he had heard nothing since receiving the official intimation of his death eight years ago.

Sixteen years had elapsed since Thomas John Webb left home. He is now thirty-two, and he did not know that his mother died nine years ago.

The "dead" man, being deaf and dumb, has explained in written answers to questions that he tramped from London to Pembroke Dock by way of Portsmouth, Southampton, Bristol, and Gloucester.

Inquiries.

He went to Pembroke Workhouse, where he wrote his father's name on paper, and then he made inquiries and found his way to his father's door.

Private Webb was at first said to be suffering from loss of memory, but he has since given, in writing, an outline of his adventures so far as he remembers them. He does not recollect where he has been since 1918, except that he came to London from Switzerland.

His wonderful story of his experiences is as follows:—

He went to France with the 3rd Gloucester Regiment in August, 1914, and was wounded at Loos in September, 1915. His regimental number was 1897.

On recovery he was transferred to the 15th Durham Light Infantry at Arras, where he was transferred in 1917, serving at Cabery Bush, near Arras, until blown up in 1918.

The next he remembers is being spoken to in a foreign language by nurses in a large camp surrounded by barbed wire which he could not locate. It is evident that he was a prisoner of war. He was told he could go, after a long time, and arrived at an outpost station, where he was reported by a chum.

In Switzerland.

He arrived in Switzerland, and was placed in an institution.

He does not remember how long he was in Switzerland, nor the time he arrived in England. He remembers arriving at Dover in a small sailing ship, and then he found himself in London.

Having faint recollections that he came from Pembroke, he began walking there. This journey took him three months. He arrived at Pembroke Poor Law Institution on Friday, and remained until Monday, when he began making inquiries for his relatives.

He is still suffering from a head wound and a wound on his right forearm.

He has an aunt, Mrs. Alice Williams, living in London, but her address is unknown.

Father Satisfied.

"I have not the slightest hesitation concerning the identity of the man who came to my door," said Mr. John Webb to a Daily Express correspondent. "He is, beyond all doubt, my son."

"I recognise him by his features, and his written replies to questions I have put to him in writing make the matter doubly certain. He has answered questions relating to his wife, from whom he lived apart since before the war, with detail which only he could know."

STRIKE AND COAL STOPPAGE.

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British railway statistics for May (which included the general strike and the coal stoppage) show that the number of passenger journeys (excluding those of season-ticket holders) was 52,352,430, a decrease compared with May, 1925, of 47,914,935, or 47.8 per cent.

The receipts from these passengers decreased by £2,161,811, or 46.7 per cent.

If the London Tubes and Metropolitan District Railway be omitted, the figures show a decrease in journeys of 40,832,937, or 51.1 per cent, and a decrease in receipts of £2,071,108, or 41 per cent.

For all companies the receipts from passenger train traffic were £2,721,070 less than in May, 1925, or 36.9 per cent.

The tonnage of freight conveyed was 5,893,610, a decrease of 50,919,457, or 78 per cent. Receipts amounted to £2,328,931, a decrease of £5,377,375, or 61.8 per cent.

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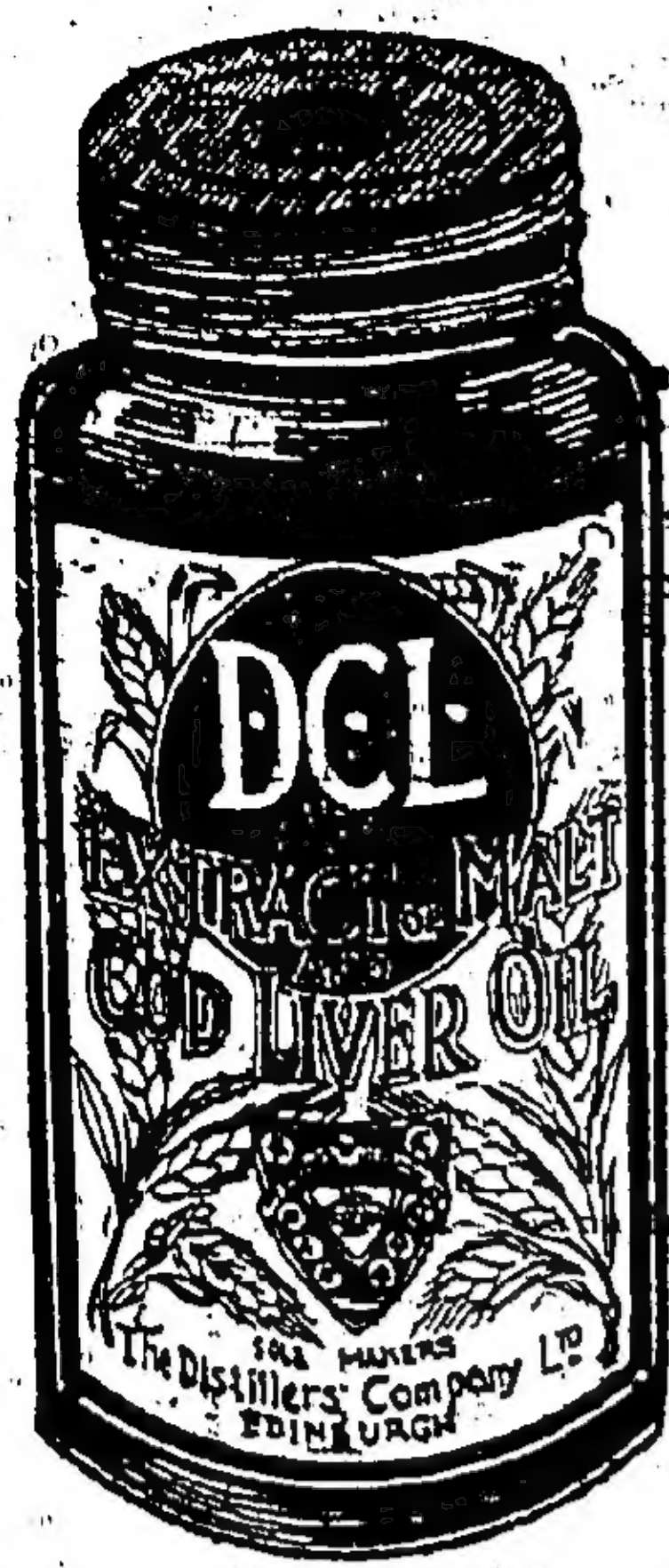
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OUR SENSE OF RIDICULE.

[By STACY-AUMONIER.]

The person who sets out to be ridiculous invariably fails, and the reason is not far to seek. Anyone who has played cricket knows that there is a blind spot on the pitch, and when the ball pitches there the next thing we know is the crash of timber behind us.

We all know that there is a lot that is ridiculous about us, and we also are conscious of a blind spot in our composition, and we are always dreading that someone is going to bowl us out. For this reason ridicule is extremely unpopular. Everyone dreads it.

Nevertheless, we must not let our prejudices in this respect blind us to the very real value of ridicule. Ridicule is at the same time a whip and a purge. It helps to establish truth. To have a sense of the ridiculous is to have the power of perceiving where a person or an individual falls short of truth.

In the solemn nonsense which circumscribes our lives our sense of ridicule is always being tickled, because we are being constantly made to realise that one of what Mr. Clouston Brock calls the three activities of the spirit—truth, for its own sake, morality, for its own sake, beauty, for its own sake—one of these is being outraged, distorted, or perverted. You may ridicule pomp and circumstance, dogma and ritual, but you cannot ridicule truth.

The Bishop's Party.

The difficulty, therefore, of people who lay themselves out to be ridiculous is that they are naturally ridiculous. And to be successfully ridiculous in an entertaining sense is a form of conscious art, requiring a complete grasp of truth and proportion. The antics of Charlie Chaplin may give us a keener presentment of truth than the ponderous dialectics of a professor of philosophy. The dear bishop who went to a children's party and, thinking to give the children a treat, put a bear skin over his back and went into the room on his hands and knees growling, only to find that he had made a mistake and had entered a room where there were some prim old ladies drinking tea, made a splendid beginning.

It was much more manifestly ridiculous for a Bishop to do this to a party of old ladies than to a crowd of children. Whether he kept it up the story does not say. But if—as I suspect—he immediately jumped up, blushed, and apologised, then he became actually ridiculous. The difficulties of being ridiculous in the entertaining sense were too much for him.

People in the mass have an extraordinarily keen eye for insincerity. The person who is moral for reasons other than the fact of being moral, the person who speaks the truth with an ulterior motive, the person who produces works of beauty obviously for fame or money, all these people are ridiculous, and, fortunately, if the mass does not sense it instantly, there is always someone with a keen sense of ridicule who will give them the cue. A few pedants get together and address the virtues of an "ism." They will talk with such rhetoric and conviction that thousands of others will begin to gather round, and to be partly persuaded. Then some genius like Max Beerbohm will come along. He will probably say nothing, but he will make a drawing—a caricature. And then the people will look at the caricature, and they will see that Max's sense of proportion is the true one, and the poor little puffed-up "ism" will be blown sky high.

In the development of character the pompous young prigs in the nursery and the school owe an enormous eventual debt of gratitude to their elder brothers and sisters, and schoolmates for their industrious and painstaking system of ragging and ridiculing them into a more normal poise.

When we first arrive at the consciousness of being a human being we are apt to take ourselves too seriously, and so the mendicant of ridicule should be regarded as an honoured practitioner. A community has to form shrewd judgments. It has neither the time nor the brains to understand the complete composition of its moral and intellectual make-up. To this end a phrase may mean more to it than a treatise. But a flag means more than a phrase.

In shaping these judgments therefore, the weapon of ridicule is invaluable. Its chief virtue lies in the fact that it is powerless against truth. It only hurts the things which are patently insincere. Vain men, foolish women, absurd ideas, sea-serpents, whimsies, fads, Channel swimmers, false gods and even new religions have all succumbed at various times to its rapier thrusts. But nothing that has ever been worth while has ever suffered more than a slight puncture.

No Blind Spots.

But there is, of course, a vast difference between a person with a gift for ridicule and a person able to sacrifice himself or herself successfully on the altar of ridicule. One is subjective, and the other objective. To be able to make oneself willfully ridiculous in the common cause means that one must be able to see all round oneself. There must be no blind spots. One must observe one's idiosyncrasies as accents in an absurd conception, and be able to see them through the eyes of the audience. Of every hundred sound actors on the stage it is doubtful whether there are more than two or three capable of making themselves ridiculous in the large and classic sense. The others are too like the bishop, having perhaps the right instinct, but too apt to pick themselves up from the carpet and look actually ridiculous, causing the audience to laugh at them rather than with them.

I think the man with the greatest power of making himself ridiculous that I have ever seen was Harry Pelissier. At the present day I can only think of two—Charlie Chaplin and Groucho. Unless, of course, we include Mr. Cook.—*Evening Standard.*

MAJOR IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES.

ENGAGES ROOM AT HOTEL.

THE RESULT OF A WAGER.

Major David Lewis, 33, company secretary, of Hawkeley Chase, Hockley, Essex, was charged at Bow-street on August 18th with being in the unlawful possession of woman's clothing and jewellery.

Detective-Sergeant Lynch said that on Tuesday afternoon he saw Major Lewis enter the Imperial Hotel, Southampton-row, dressed as a woman. About a quarter of an hour later he left wearing man's clothing and carrying a suitcase. He stopped the major and asked him what he was carrying. He replied, "The bag and its contents, with the exception of the woman's clothing, is mine." He also said that he did not know to whom the woman's clothing belonged.

He was arrested on suspicion of being in unlawful possession of the suitcase and then said, "Yes." His wife attended the court that morning and identified the clothing as hers. The detective was now satisfied that Major Lewis was a highly respectable man.

Sir Chartres Biron (the magistrate): Was he staying at the hotel?
Sergeant Lynch: He had booked a room for the night as a woman. He then went out for about an hour, and during his absence the manager discovered that he was a man. When he returned he was asked to leave, and as he did so he was arrested.

Major Lewis told Sir Chartres that he acted in this way for a wager. It was very foolish and he would never do it again.

Sergeant Lynch said that Lewis was a member of the Reserve of Officers.

Sir Chartres Biron: That makes his conduct all the more extraordinary. The only charge is one of unlawful possession and that is not borne out by the facts. He will be discharged.

INCREASED STATE SPENDING.

\$615,606,000 MORE THAN IN 1914.

Illuminating figures showing the vast increase in national expenditure since 1914 are contained in a "Memorandum on present and pre-war expenditure with particulars of Government staffs at certain dates."

The memorandum shows that from 1914 to 1926 there were the following increases in expenditure in the services mentioned:—

Debt (interest, management, and redemption)—from \$23,500,000 to \$294,000,000.

Pensions—from \$20,631,000 to \$137,450,000.

Grant services of all kinds, except Road Fund (education, housing, health, police, local taxation, beet sugar subsidy, and all Irish services)—from \$28,000,000 to \$101,205,000.

Post Office—from \$24,183,000 to \$32,330,000.

Road Fund—from \$1,545,000 to \$17,500,000.

Imperial defence—from \$73,429,000 to \$100,919,000.

Tax collection—from \$3,078,000 to \$10,765,000.

Grants to insurance schemes—from \$2,407,000 to \$18,132,000.

The grand total of expenditure increased from \$204,845,000 to \$520,841,000.

The increase of \$315,996,000 under the head of grant services is accounted for as to \$29,077,000 by the increase in education grants, following upon the Education Acts of 1918, increased grants for higher education, and the substantial increase in the scales of teachers' salaries since the war.

While the total strength of the Army and Navy in 1914 was 320,100, that of the Army, Navy, and Air Force was only 233,900 in 1926.

On the other hand, the staffs of Government departments increased from 220,900 in 1914 to 296,258 in 1926. The War Office staff, unlike the Army, increased in size from 2,800 in 1914 to 4,137 in 1926.

The Admiralty staff, unlike the naval forces, increased in size from 3,900 in 1914 to 8,415 in 1926. The Ministry of Labour staff has grown from 6,000 in 1914 to 14,077 this year, that of the Office of Works from 1,400 to 2,993 in the same period, and that of the Board of Trade from 2,500 to 4,816.

ASLEEP FOR NINE MONTHS. DOCTORS AND POLICE PUZZLED.

Paris.

The police and medical authorities of Strasbourg have just discovered a champion sleeper, whose awakening both anticipate with the greatest impatience. He is Georges Beek, of Weimbourg, a youth of 18 years, who was formerly a railway worker. Last December it was found that Beek had been indulging in certain irregular practices in connection with his accounts, and he was dismissed, and at the same time warned that he would be prosecuted. The shock seems to have plunged him into a deep sleep, which has now lasted for nine months, for when police officers appeared at his home to arrest him he was found fast asleep in a barn, and the most violent shaking failed to wake him. Day after day police officers called, only to find him still asleep, and though he was carefully watched he never betrayed the slightest sign of returning consciousness. At last medical officers were called in, but they, too, were baffled, for they pronounced Beek's sleep to be genuine and proof against surprise.

During his nine months' slumber Beek has been so carefully watched by the police and the doctors that they have no grounds to suspect trickery, and are profoundly puzzled by what seems to be a genuine case. Beek is periodically given liquid food, which has to be poured into his mouth after his jaws have been forced open, but feeding, washing, and shaking fail to break his long slumber.

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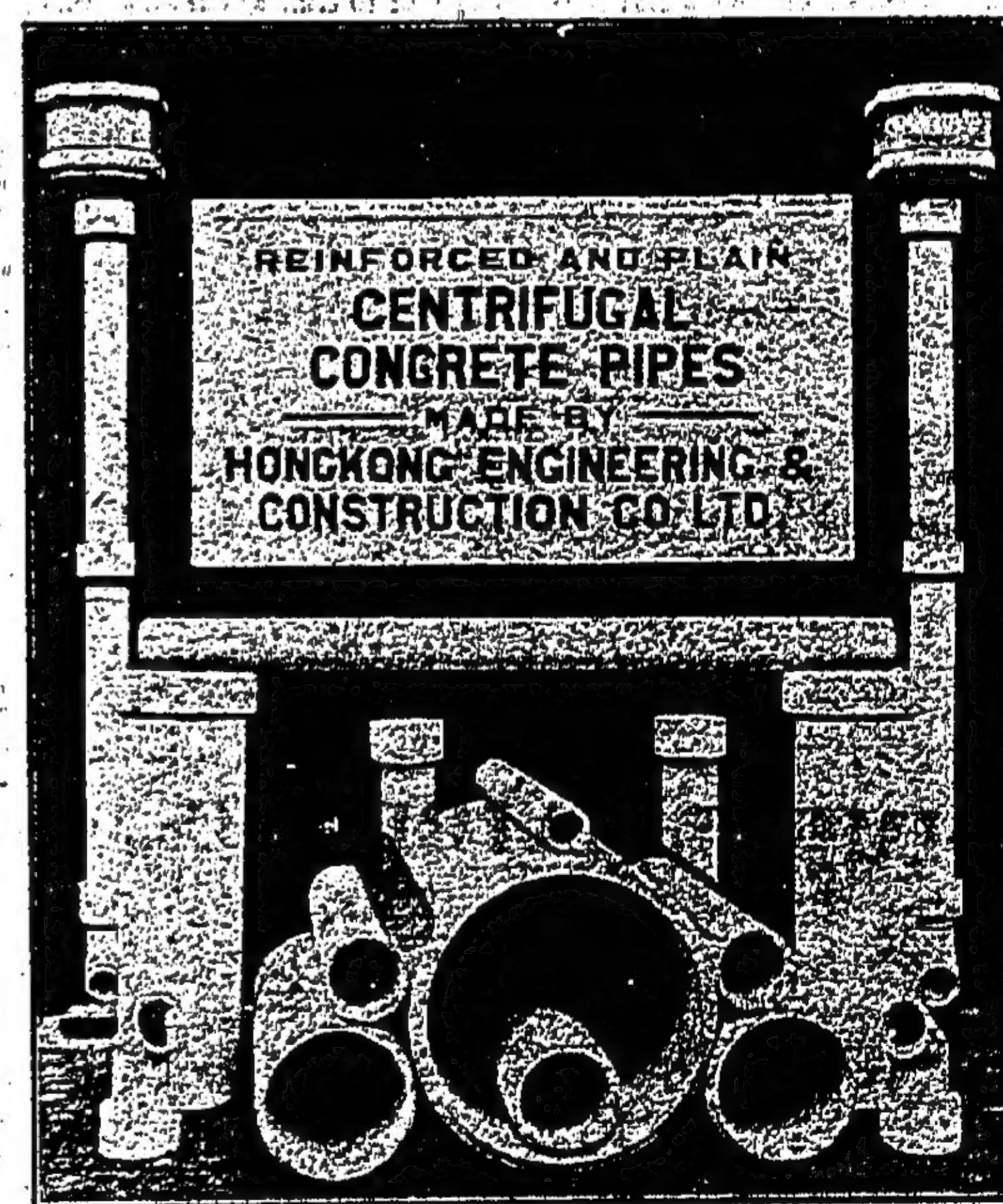
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BUSINESS METHODS.

The official monthly journal of Federation of British Industries, London, on August 16th published the following, under the heading "Chinese Business Methods," from the F.B.I. correspondent at Hongkong:—

"So far as British methods of business in this market are concerned there is not much ground for criticism. Piece goods houses in Manchester and Bradford are models of efficiency and in their knowledge of this market they stand alone, outvaluing even the Germans who are not to be despised in this respect. Of course, most Manchester or Bradford firms send representatives out here fairly regularly.

For the benefit of those British manufacturers who are not conversant with the local market, it may perhaps be as well to mention that the saying, 'The Chinaman's word is as good as his bond' no longer applies to-day, whatever the conditions may have been when the phrase originated. Practically no business between Chinese and European merchants is transacted except on the basis of a written contract. It is even necessary to go further than this to protect the latter's interests and in all European merchant houses a Chinaman is employed who is called a comprador. His duties are (inter alia) to guarantee every contract made between the European and the Chinese dealer or merchant, for which service he receives a salary and commission on every contract he signs or 'chops.' He deposits as security with the firm employing him either cash or title deeds of property. In the event of the Chinese dealer defaulting this security is available to recoup the European merchant.

In dealing with this market it is extremely inadvisable to supply the Chinese buyer with anything that is not exactly according to the sample upon which he placed his order. If the market is against him when the goods arrive here he is only too ready to take advantage of anything that will relieve him of his obligations under the contract."

SAIGON RICE MARKET.
MORE ACTIVITY.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Orient in their report dated September 7th state:—

"During this last fortnight our market has been more active and some business booked with Shanghai, Cuba and especially Java.

"Prices for rice remain rather steady, but owing to a heavy demand, price of broken is very firm with a clear upward tendency.

European markets have concluded large business for rice and especially for broken.

The general tendency keeps firm on account of stocks of paddy being scarce and the new crop expected to be much later than last year's rice exported from January 1st to August 31st, 1926, is 965,078,005 tons against 1,000,760,000 in 1925.

We quoted to-day white Saigon rice No. 1 25% broken round grain, Hongkong \$7.60, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; \$20.13/10, per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; yen 8.47, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon. White Saigon rice No. 2 sifted, Japan quality: Hongkong \$7.20, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; \$20.13/1, per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; yen 8.00 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon. For September-October shipment.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, September 14th.	
Paris	160
Brussels	177
Amsterdam	12.11
Berlin	20.38
Copenhagen	18.29
Vienna	34.39
Helsingfors	192
Lisbon	2.17/22
Buenos Aires	45.35/64
Shanghai	2/9
Yokohama	1/11.15/16
New York	4.85
Geneva	25.12
Milan	134
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	22.15
Prague	18
Madrid	25.72
Rio	7.17/22
Bombay	1/5.63/64
Hongkong	2/2
Silver (spot)	23.5/16
Silver (forward)	23.7/16

CASE WITH A SINISTER
ASPECT.

CHINESE SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

As the result of a sharp lookout kept by local police officers engaged on search duty on the wharves another apparent attempt to smuggle ammunition into the Colony has been frustrated, and the man in whose possession it was found is now undergoing a sentence of nine months' hard labour.

Searching passengers coming off the Star Ferry on the Hongkong wharf, the police stopped a Chinese, among whose possessions they found five rounds of pistol ammunition and a pistol magazine. As a result of enquiries made, it was discovered that he was a painter on the s.s. *President Pierce*.

When the case came up at the Central Magistracy, Mr. W. B. Hind, who appeared for the defence, pleaded that the man picked the rounds up at San Francisco in the steerage passengers' quarters, put them into an old canvas bag in which he kept nails, etc., and forgot all about them.

In reply to this, it was pointed out by the police that when inquiries were made on the *President Pierce* it was found that the man left the ship against the wishes of the captain. He refused to tell the captain why he wanted to go ashore. When searched by the police he also refused to give any information about himself or as to his action. He was then arrested and charged.

Commenting that there was a sinister aspect about the case, Major Willson sentenced the defendant, as stated, to nine months' hard labour.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1926.	
Banking Bank	\$1.00 sel.
Do, London	\$134 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$21 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$20; nom.
Do, O.	\$134 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$24 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$8 nom.
China Insurance	\$25 sel.
China Underwriters	\$14 nom.
North China Insurance	\$145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$145 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	\$2.35 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$200 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$800 nom.
Donghai	\$25 buy.
M.K. & M. Steamboats	\$24 nom.
Hongkong Tugs	\$14 nom.
Luo-Chung (Fret)	\$30 buy.
Do, (Deb.)	\$42 buy.
Shanghai	\$50; buy.
Star Ferries	\$65 nom.
Waterways	\$18 nom.
China Sugars	\$2 sel.
Malacca Sugars	\$30 nom.
Kunming	\$14 nom.
Kunming Mining A.	\$10; nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$12.23 buy.
Do, (single)	\$12.12 nom.
Shanghai Exportations	\$14.5 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 nom.
Maui	\$47 buy.
Tropic Mines	\$8; nom.
Ural Caspian	\$10 sel.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	\$110 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$52 nom.
Hongkong	\$170 buy.
New Engineering	\$14.60 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$115; nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$44 buy.
Hongkong Land	\$60 nom.
Hongkong Realty (Lp.)	\$71 nom.
H.K. Territorial	\$14 sel.
Humphreys Estate	\$13 buy, 15.50 sel.
Prince's Buildings	\$39 sel.
Kwai Leads	\$14 nom.
Ewo Cottons	\$14.9 buy.
Oriental	\$14.24 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$14.51 buy.
Do, (new)	\$14.26 buy.
China Buses	\$14.10 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$22; nom.
Peak Tram (old)	\$104 nom.
Do, (new)	\$104 nom.
Singapore Tramways	\$14.6 buy.
Taxis	\$14 sel.
Amusements	\$11.12 buy.
Canton Ice	\$7; nom.
Cement (combined)	\$12 nom.
Do, (old)	\$11 nom.
Do, (new)	\$12 nom.
China Lights (combined)	\$19 nom.
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Do, (new)	\$13 nom.
China Provident (old)	\$5 nom.
Constructions	\$24 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$18; sel.
Der A. Wings	\$5 sel.
Hongkong Electric	\$30 sel.
Macao Electric	\$35 nom.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	\$35 sel.
Do, (old)	\$10 sel.
Do, (new)	\$5 sel.
Loan Crawfords	\$3 nom.
Mackintosh	\$194 nom.
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WHY H29 SANK.

OFFICER'S WORDS MISCONSTRUED.

TOO MUCH WATER LET IN.

The inquiry was resumed at Devonport on August 20th, into the deaths of the six men on August 9th, when Submarine H29 sank in No. 2 basin of the dockyard.

Lieut. F. H. E. Skyrme, the officer in command, said that it had been proposed to fire dummy shots to test the torpedo tubes. To bring the vessel to normal trim it was necessary to admit water to the ballast tanks.

As she sank the submarine listed to starboard, the side next the wall. He waded to the bridge and caught hold of one of the chains which hung around the side of the dock and climbed ashore. The vessel sank in consequence of No. 3 main ballast tank being sufficiently flooded to bring the after hatch under water. The boat sank by the stern until the fore hatch came to the water line, when she levelled up and went down on an even keel.

When the after hatch came to the water level a great volume of water entered and ran forward through the boat and caused her to sink.

It was only proposed to submerge the vessel sufficiently to allow the torpedo tubes to be fired, and not to submerge altogether.

Mr. J. W. Russ (for relatives): Would you again submerge this boat or any other boat with the hatches open?

Lieut. Skyrme said that after this experience, if water was being moved in the boat he would see the hatches were shut.

Lieut. Malcolm Wevell said that he told Stoker Petty-Officer Aske: "I am going to put a drop of water into 2 and 3 main ballast tanks."

Later he saw Chief Engineer-Artificer Dalton (one of the dead) at the "blowing" (ballast emptying) station, where Dalton remained afterwards with complete disregard for his own safety.

He (Lieut. Wevell) subsequently became unconscious and did not know how he came clear of the boat.

When he told Aske he was going to put in a drop of water he did not intend to convey to Aske that that was an order for him to put water into No. 2 and No. 3 main ballast tanks. He intended to do that after he had seen what the draught was. The statement was misconstrued by Aske to be an order.

A Juror: But for the chief stoker misinterpreting your order this accident would not have happened?—No.

Stoker Petty-Officer George William Aske said that Lieut. Wevell said: "I want to trim down the boat a little. Put some water in 2 and 3 tanks." He took that to be an order.

He did not know that they were to submerge for the purpose of firing torpedo tubes only. If he had known he would not have let so much water in.

Open Hatches.

Lieut.-Commander J. H. Macnair, senior submarine officer in the Devonport flotilla, said that there was nothing wrong in the order being given for the hatches to be open while the boat was being put to normal trim. He knew of no Admiralty regulation ordering the hatches to be closed if any water was being put in the tanks.

The accident was undoubtedly caused through the flooding of the ballast to such an extent as to bring the hatch under the water. He did not know how that happened, however.

A Juror: In other words, somebody has blundered and we have to find out who?

Lieut.-Commander Macnair: Either blundered or misunderstood. There was a mistake somewhere.

The coroner (Mr. J. Pearce) said that he did not see how they could attribute any particular blame to anyone. It was a mistake to which all were liable—to misconstrue what had been said. In future all orders should be very definitely given and understood, especially on board a submarine.

The jury found that the men died from suffocation and that the foundering was due to the misconception of an order.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COURT MARTIAL'S SENTENCE.

Lieut. Wevell Dismissed and Reprimanded.

LONDON, September 14th.

A Court Martial at Devonport into the disaster to submarine H29 has sentenced Lieutenant Malcolm Edgar Wevell to be dismissed his ship and be severely reprimanded.

The Court found that the hatching of the vessel was due to accused's omitting to give orders for trimming the submarine in a definite manner, for not immediately investigating the flooding of the tanks and for omitting to ensure that the hatches were closed before the tanks were flooded.

The recent death of Asrael Zangwill has caused much attention to be given to his career and writings. Of his plays it is thought that the best-known is the "Melting Pot," which evidently did not appeal to an American newspaper which said that it contained "nothing to interest man, woman or child, Jew, heathen or Christian," although Mr. Roosevelt, who was present at the first performance, said "That's a great play, Mr. Zangwill. That's a great play." There were people who believed that Mr. Zangwill aimed at being the King of Jerusalem, but no one, not even Mr. Zangwill himself ever expected that he would become the manager of a theatre. Within the last year or two Mr. Zangwill paid another visit to America, witnessed the performance of some of his own plays, and brought away the opinion that the Americans were "the best half-educated people in the world."

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

REHEARSALS OF "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society will be held at the Cathedral Hall on Monday, September 27th. The ordinary rehearsals of "The Pirates of Penzance" will commence on Monday, September 20th, at 5.30 p.m. at the Cathedral Hall and will be continued on Mondays at the same time and on Thursdays at 8.30 p.m.

The annual report of the Society shows that the membership numbered 130.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera "Iolanthe," the report continues, was produced at the Theatre Royal in December to crowded houses, and resulted in a profit of \$341.73. It was at first thought that the profit was nearly \$700, but some unexpectedly heavy bills came in after the \$600 shown in the accounts had been distributed to the charities named. This resulted in a loss of \$258.97 being carried to the general account. Your Committee recommend that in future years any distribution of profits be determined at the annual general meeting.

The proposed concert in the Spring was abandoned owing to the poor support given by the members.

It is with regret that the Committee have to report the resignation of Sir Claud Severn who had been the President of the Society since the restart in 1923.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis who has taken a great interest in the Society since 1904, has kindly accepted the post.

The Society has also sustained a great loss by the resignation of Mr. Stanley Collett from the post of Hon. Musical Director and Conductor on proceeding to England.

Advertisements were inserted in the papers for a successor, and one reply was received, Mr. W. R. Fleming, being appointed to the post.

Messrs. Piercy and Mathieson resigned from the Committee on leaving the Colony, and Messrs. Ost and Bowes-Smith were co-opted in their place.

Mr. Gillingham carried on the duties of Hon. Secretary until December, when he resigned and the work was taken over by Mr. E. J. Best.

The post of Hon. Treasurer was fulfilled for the season by Miss R. Mow Fung who, since the close of the financial year has hurriedly left for England owing to the illness of her sister. Mr. H. J. Best is at present acting in her place.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the opera a success; to the Cathedral Body for the use of the Cathedral Hall for Committee meetings, etc., and to Messrs. Thomson & Co. for kindly auditing the accounts.

The Society is to be congratulated on carrying forward a balance of \$392.72 to season 1926-7.

SAFETY IN RAILWAY TRAVEL.

ONLY ONE PASSENGER KILLED IN 1925.

The returns of railway accidents, just issued by the Ministry of Transport, show that only one passenger was killed in a train accident in Great Britain last year. Since the opening of the present century there have been two years—1901 and 1905—without a single fatality to passengers in accidents to trains, and in 1909, as in 1925, only one fatal accident occurred, whilst in each of the years 1918, 1919, and 1923 there were only three. When it is considered that over 1,700,000,000 passenger journeys by train are made every year on the railways of Great Britain, involving the running of 232,000,000 passenger train miles, it will be seen that a passenger's risk of death on the railway is so infinitesimal as to be negligible, a one in 1,700,000,000 chance.

It is impossible not to contrast this comparative freedom from mishap with the melancholy "death toll of the roads," as it has been described, which confronts the newspaper reader daily, and is accentuated each week-end and every holiday period in town and country alike. Compared with the ever-present peril of the London streets, in which 840 persons were killed in 1925, or the heavy death roll of 3,621 for a year on the roads of Great Britain, a journey by train to hundreds of millions of people is practically without risk. In no other country in the world are such elaborate precautions taken to ensure the safety of the traveller by rail, and to this may be attributed the fortunate position occupied by Great Britain in regard to railway accidents.

"NO JUSTIFICATION."

JUDGMENT IN THE KOWLOON TONG CASE.

MR. JUSTICE WOOD FINDS AGAINST MR. MURPHY.

At the Summary Court yesterday the case in which six coolies employed at Kowloon Tong jointly claimed \$1,000 from Mr. A. E. Murphy of the Kowloon Tong Development Company was concluded. Mr. Justice Wood held that Mr. Murphy had no justification in arresting the men, and found against him. The total damages were, however, only assessed at \$140.

When the case re-opened yesterday morning, Mr. R. A. D. Wadson, who represented the defendant, submitted that the coolies were not arrested by Mr. Murphy at all. Mr. Wadson further argued that his client was justified in going to the police and lodging a complaint against them. He quoted several authorities in support of his case.

Mr. D. McCallum, for the plaintiffs, argued that the arrest was a wrongful one.

No Doubt.

In delivering judgment Mr. Justice Wood said that there seemed to be no doubt about the right decision in the case. Plaintiffs were claiming damages for "false imprisonment." The statement of claim read "an arrest by the defendant on a false charge of larceny." This arrest took place on the Kowloon Tong estate. The statement of claim further said that plaintiffs were conveyed to the Kowloon City Police Station through the agency of the police and there detained.

"Honest Evidence."

The defendant, Mr. Murphy, had himself given evidence, and to his Lordship's mind had given perfectly honest evidence as to what happened on that occasion. It seemed from the evidence that one of the plaintiffs, who was carrying some cement bags, was stopped by an Indian guard. The plaintiff produced a pass. The Indian guard took the man to Mr. Murphy's house, as Mr. Murphy was his superior officer. He did this for the purpose of receiving Mr. Murphy's instructions as to what should be done with the man he had detained. Mr. Murphy arrived and took charge of the proceedings. His action was to have this man taken, accompanied by five other men, to the office of his Company, where he in turn received instructions from Mr. Ramsay.

"Take Them To Court."

Mr. Ramsay's instructions were "Take them to Court." From that point, his Lordship added that he found that there was imprisonment by the defendant of the six plaintiffs. He also found that the action taken by the Police was taken at the request of defendant, the defendant himself having taken the car, journeyed to the Police Station in Kowloon City, brought back the police, pointed out the men and was present when they were handcuffed and removed.

The imprisonment therefore fell into two sections, firstly, before the arrival of the police, and secondly, afterwards. In respect of both periods his Lordship found that it was such an action as to give plaintiffs good cause for their proceedings against the defendant. So far, he found that it was an imprisonment by the defendant.

Breach of the Peace.

Continuing, his Lordship said that the onus of justifying the imprisonment was therefore on the defendant. He was not in a position to justify it by any allegation of larceny of the cement bags, because no such theft had been proved. Mr. Murphy himself at that time had in his mind no other reason for arresting them. Mr. Wadson, in conducting the case for the defendant, had submitted that it was possible to justify the arrest on the ground of certain occurrences outside Mr. Murphy's house before his arrival on the scene which constituted a breach of the peace. Whether what happened actually constituted a breach of the peace, in law his Lordship was not prepared to find. But even supposing it were so, he found that the breach of the peace was at an end before there was any imprisonment of the plaintiffs by the defendant. He also found in regard to one of the plaintiffs that no connection with disorder had been proved against him.

Power of a Private Citizen.

The power of a private citizen to arrest any one connected with a breach of the peace ended when the breach of the peace was at an end. If there was a breach of the peace on that occasion, there was no doubt that it came to an end before the arrest by the defendant. His Lordship said that he also found that there was no reason at all to apprehend a possible renewal of the disturbance.

Mr. Wadson had suggested that the local ordinance might provide justification. He had referred particularly to a section of the Summary Offences Ordinance. By these provisions it was provided that if any person was found behaving in a riotous or disorderly manner he may be apprehended by the owner of the property on which the offence is committed, or by his servant or any person authorised by him. It did not provide that power could be exercised by everybody; it was to be exercised by a limited class of persons.

(Continued on next column.)

THE GLOBE-TROTTERS.

ANOTHER VISIT TO HONGKONG.

NEW ARTISTES AND NEW PROGRAMMES.

Mr. Dick Norton's company "The Globe Trotters" are paying another visit to Hongkong and will open a short series of entertainments at the Star theatre on the 27th inst.

The Company are well known here and are assured of a welcome. Since their last visit they have been touring in Java and have strengthened their organisation by the addition of three new artistes. They have secured new scenery also and are including many new items in their programmes.

The members of the Company comprise Miss Lela Forbes, Miss Peggy James, Miss Billee Conway, Miss Gladys Cathie, Mr. Herbert Morris, Mr. Leo Brooker, Mr. Ralph Lynne, Mr. Dmitry Dimoff and Mr. Dick Norton. Of the new Artistes Mr. Dick Norton is said to be Russia's greatest exponent of the Bala-laika, an instrument with three strings. Mr. Ralph Lynne and Miss Gladys Cathie are specialty dancers, and have just concluded a continental tour, recently securing second prize at the international competition held in Paris when 400 competitors from all parts of the world took part. A dancing treat should, therefore, be in store for Hongkong enthusiasts.

SIR H. WOOD AND U.S. AUDIENCES.

ATTENTIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC.

"A HIGHLY DEVELOPED MUSICAL SENSE."

Sir Henry Wood, director of the Queen's Hall Orchestra, has returned from America, after conducting a series of eight orchestral concerts in the great Hollywood Bowl, which at one time accommodated 20,000 listeners.

Sir Henry travelled 13,000 miles to fulfil this engagement, and expressed himself delighted at the reception given him. In an interview he said great improvements had been carried out in the Bowl since he was at Los Angeles last year, and the Americans were more enthusiastic about music than ever. Four nights a week they had an audience of 15,000 people out of a population of just 1,000,000, which was far more than London, with her 7,000,000, could do.

"The Americans are wonderfully attentive, and are wonderful listeners," he said, "for during the time that the concert is in progress you will hear neither a cough nor the rustling of a programme. They are keen and not in the slightest biased, and they love to hear new compositions. I introduced twelve British works into the concerts this year, and they had a most splendid reception, but what pleased the Americans most of all were four concertos from Bach and two from Handel, which I conducted for the first time in America."

Sir Henry also said there was still a good deal of jazz being played in the States, and although people suggested that the craze was dying down a little, he personally did not believe it. The American people could, however, love and appreciate classical music as well, for they have a highly developed musical sense.

DIAMOND RUSH.

120 WOMEN AMONG 15,000 DIGGERS.

JOHANNESBURG, August 19th. A diamond rush, greater even than that which occurred recently at Elandsputte, took place to-day at a farm called "Treasure Trove," in the Lichtenburg (Transvaal) district.

Fifteen thousand diggers participated, including 120 women in full running kit or bathing costumes. Some of the runners wore football attire.

Among the sprinters were Olympic champions and holders of South African records. Two men taking part had wooden legs and another had crutches.

One syndicate employed 30 university students as runners.

Thirty-five thousand Whites and 12,000 natives watched the proceedings. It is estimated that the population of the new diggings will be 50,000, including natives. No fewer than 25,000 claims are to be pegged.

It is stated that prospectors in one field found diamonds worth £27,000.

No Authority.

There was no evidence before him, his Lordship added, that the disorderly behaviour had occurred outside Mr. Murphy's house or on the property of Mr. Murphy's employers, nor that Mr. Murphy had any authority from his employer to make such an arrest if such conduct had occurred. Any such plea with reference to the local ordinance was therefore of no avail. The plaintiffs were therefore entitled to damages.

His Lordship asked Mr. McCallum if he wished to address him on the amount of damages.

Mr. McCallum asked for heavy damages. His Lordship, continuing, said he would assess damages at £25 each for the five plaintiffs who were handcuffed, and £15 for the other man. Plaintiffs were also awarded costs.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

REPORTS IN CANTON.

MORE PICKETS BEING ORGANISED

RIVALRY BETWEEN THE UNIONS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

During the past few days a number of troops have been boarding steamers for Swatow and it is understood that between 4,000 and 5,000 men are being sent to that Port.

As I have suggested before little reliance can be placed upon the "war" rumours circulating in Canton. The only thing about which there is any certainty at the moment is that little or no serious fighting has taken place so far in the Southern provinces. General Sun Chuan Fang is reported to have sent troops to Tangcheng and Pingkiang with the intention of capturing Yochow in Hunan and so cutting the communications between Canton and Hankow.

It is understood that General Tang Yu Tsao, Tapan of Kiangsi, is still in Nanchang, the provincial capital.

General Chen Ming Chu, commanding details of the 4th Corps now operating in Hunan has sent agents back to Canton in order to recruit re-inforcements. Part of the 3th Kuomintang Corps under General Li Fuh Lin has been sent to the Northern districts of Kwangtung for the suppression of the "anti-Red" risings which have been reported. General Li is expected to conduct the operations personally.

The Canton Amahs.

The Canton amahs, who recently issued a threatening notice to members of their organisation against seeking employment in Hongkong or on Shamoen, are finding it a little more difficult that they probably anticipated to secure affiliation to the Kuomintang Workers' Delegates Conference. The "workers," it is stated, are demanding a fee of \$5,000 before they will even consider the application. The other day three amahs were arrested by order of the Kuomintang for holding a meeting and enrolling members before a charter to organise had been issued to them.

Unions' Rivalry.

The Kuomintang Workers' Delegates Conference are to organise their own pickets who will number, it is said, between 1,500 and 2,000. As far as one can see the duty of these pickets will be to enforce the orders of the Conference and to fight street battles with rival unions. The Workers' Conference claims a membership of 170 Unions and, as will be recalled, was recently in conflict with the Central Labour Union. The pickets are to be paid \$10 a month and will wear uniforms of local cloth with a red arm band on which the word "Kung" (labour) will be inscribed. If any picket is killed whilst on duty his relatives will be paid \$1,000.

A New Tax.

Man-jong players will, in future, have to contribute to the war chest. Another new tax has been devised for them. In Canton for every game played in clubs, hotels or restaurants a fee, ranging from 60 cents to \$1.60 has to be paid to the Kuomintang.

The Heungshan district in Kwangtung is to have another newspaper-man as its magistrate. Mr. Hui Jackson, the retiring Magistrate, was a former editor of the *Sun Chung Kwo Po*, a Honolulu newspaper which at one time supported the Chinese Monarchist Movement. Mr. Cheng Tao Shuk, the Magistrate-designate, was previously a newspaper man at Shekhi and Canton. Mr. Cheng was also private secretary to the Mayor of Canton.

MOTOR FATALITY.

BOY SUCCEUMS TO INJURIES.

An accident occurred at about 5 o'clock on Tuesday a few yards from the Wan-chai Police Station resulting in the death of a Chinese boy from injuries received by walking in front of a motor car. The boy died in hospital shortly after admission.

The motor-car, concerned, was one from the World Garage, of Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay. From a statement made by the driver of the car, it appears that he was in the rear of a tram-car travelling in a westerly direction and decided to overtake it shortly before the tram-car reached the halting place near the Police Station. At that moment the boy ran from the rear of the tram-car in front of the motor-car. The driver attempted to stop his car, but it was too late.

Police officers were soon on the spot and had the injured boy sent to hospital. While investigations were still going on news came from the hospital that the boy died.

BLUEJACKETS TO THE RESCUE.

PLUCKY EPISODE AT CANTON.

SEVEN CHINESE WOMEN SAVED FROM THE RIVER.

MRS. CHIANG KAI SHEK.

A tribute from Mr. Eugene Chen to the bluejackets on H.M.S. *Moth* is now due, and perhaps on this occasion he will refrain from calling them "rough-neck sailors."

As a small sampan, carrying seven Chinese women and girls, was making its way along the river on Tuesday evening it was swamped and overturned by a passing motor-boat. Without a moment's hesitation three bluejackets from the *Moth*, which was about fifty yards away, dived into the stream, one of them without even waiting to take off his topee. Through their exertions all the women were rescued. Had there been the slightest delay lives would undoubtedly have been lost. As it was two or three of the women were unconscious when taken from the water. All were conveyed to H.M.S. *Moth* where they were given medical attention.

Madame Chiang Kai Shek.

It was reported that Madame Chiang Kai Shek and her suite travelled to Hongkong from Canton by the *Fatshan* yesterday in order to take passage by the *Empress of Russia* for Shanghai this morning. It was generally understood in Hongkong that Madame Chiang was already in Shanghai. She has certainly not taken a passage in the *Empress* under her own name.

The *Fatshan* brought a fair cargo and over 200 passengers from Canton. Everything in Canton is reported quiet and no pickets are to be seen on the river which, in accordance with the promise made by the Canton Government, is now being patrolled by armed police.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

MRS. CHIANG KAI SHEK ARRIVES.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHOWN BY POLICE.

That Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek was a passenger on board the *Fatshan* yesterday is confirmed by our Chinese correspondent who writes:

Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek, accompanied by her daughter, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Canton on the *a. Fatshan*. Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek departed for Shanghai on the *Empress of Russia* this morning and went direct to the *Empress* boat from the *Fatshan*. At least that was her intention when she left the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s wharf.

Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek was not at all pleased with the way the police searched her suit-case, although, as a matter of fact, she was shown every consideration. The suit-case was examined, not on the wharf, in accordance with the usual routine, but aboard outside her stateroom on the upper deck of the *Fatshan*. I made enquiries regarding the cause of complaint and found it was based on very slight grounds. It was, in effect, a lady's complaint that it would be difficult to pack the contents of the bag nicely again after they had been disturbed.

Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek was met on the wharf by a number of men and women friends through whom she had some conversation with police officers on duty relative to her baggage.

"BRANDA"

DEMONSTRATION AT KOWLOON DOCK.

YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATION.

A large number of engineers, representing various shipping and engineering firms, were present at the Kowloon Dock yesterday afternoon when an interesting demonstration was given of the "Branda" boiler scouring apparatus, under the auspices of the Europa Asia Trading Company and the Hongkong and South China Mechanical Boiler Chipping and Cleaning Company.

Amongst those present were Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Mr. L. Durand, Manager of the Europa Asia Company, Mr. E. E. Greig, Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company, Mr. J. L. Strellet, Mr. Guerin, the President of the Engineers' Guild, the manager of the Kwong Ip Loong Engineers' firm, Mr. Guerin, and several others.

The demonstration was entirely successful and greatly impressed those present. The apparatus was worked by compressed air. There were, in all, five kind of apparatus and each worked with entire satisfaction. It was stated that nine tubes could be cleaned by such a process in an hour. Various demonstrations were given on tubes and float iron. In some cases the machine used was manipulated by hand and the results were astounding. A rusty piece of iron was immediately transformed into a new thing in a short time.

The Apparatus.

The chipping, removing of tartar and at the same time scouring of the tubular nest of Marine Boilers are made by the "Branda" Process on the exterior part of the smoke tubes. The various methods operating by interior shocks have always given very imperfect results and serious inconveniences. The apparatus displaces itself on the upper part of the nest of tubes and a piston in its alternate movement works the tool bearer. The tool bearer is made of cylindrical shaft passing easily between the tubes. It is interchangeable, which allows it to attain progressively the different surfaces of the tubes of the tubular nest. The tool is formed of blades cross shaped in appearance which knocks alternately 4/4 of the tubes. One can attack efficiently the tubes when their centres are no longer on the same horizontal plane, by simply and appropriately regulating the two blades. The "Branda" apparatus owes its particularity to the arrangement of the distribution of the compressed air which allows the changing of the course of the piston and therefore the tool carrier.

It is specially used for the exterior clearing of the smoke tubes in the present type of Marine boilers. The scouring of the tubes is absolutely perfect. The principal advantage of the cleaning of the nests of tubes apart from the point of view of the boilers lies in a considerable economy of fuel.

Most of the trials effected point to economies of 13 per cent. to 15 per cent. after the scraping of the nest of tubes and in no case to less than 10 per cent. of fuel economy, results which have been very rigorously controlled by the interested Technical Services of the Navigation Companies.

The process has been used with great success by the Compagnie Des Messageries Maritimes. Mr. Durand has at present three French engineers in his employ, and he intends to contract for the cleaning of boilers in ships. This can be done while the ships are in Hongkong.

KOWLOON CHILDREN.

TO PLAY "LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD."

A project is in hand to present a pantomime, with local talent, at Christmas, the selected playlet being "Little Red Riding Hood."

Mrs. Gay Cumming and Miss Daisy O'Keefe are the sponsors. Miss O'Keefe will be in sole control of the dancing. Unfortunately, some of the Mummies are not available. Those of this party, and others who would like to join are requested to communicate at once with Mrs. Gay Cumming, No. 6, Observatory Villas, Kowloon (telephone K 363).

Had it not been for the recent illness of Miss O'Keefe, rehearsals would have commenced. A start has to be made as soon as possible. Names are wanted, so that parts can be allotted and then the sponsors will get to work.

If results of last season are any criterion, "Little Red Riding Hood" will be a big success. Mrs. Gay Cumming has done a good deal in a labour of love and Kowloon children have received considerable benefit. The present call for names will provide an opportunity for others to join in.

BELOW STRENGTH.

VINEGAR FACTORY PROPRIETOR SUMMONED.

NOT ENOUGH ACETIC ACID.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, a case came before the court in which arose the question of the enforcement of the universal standard of not less than 4 per cent. acetic acid in native-manufactured vinegar in Hongkong.

The proprietor of a vinegar factory at No. 210, Main Street, Shaikwan, was summoned for selling vinegar below strength. It was pointed out during the hearing of the case that while the standard has a universal application in Europe and America, there has been no extension to China.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, said that after receiving a sample which Sanitary Inspector Gregory bought from the shop in question he subjected it to an analysis, discovering that there was only a 2.32 percentage of acetic acid, as compared with the 4 percentage required by the Ordinance. There was only one standard of vinegar universally recognised and any other product sold below this percentage, added Mr. Dovey, should be labelled as diluted vinegar, or Chinese vinegar, but could not be sold simply as vinegar.

Might Not Know Standard.

Mr. Dovey said he agreed that as the standard had not been recognised in China, the ordinary Chinese might not know the standard. He had analysed many native products in the past year, and in nearly all instances the percentage of acetic was also round about 2 per cent. This was also the percentage in the two cases he recalled as having been brought before the Court. On the prices charged, this might be good, cheap vinegar for the class of customers who used it, as certainly value was being received for the money, but the thing was that the defendant was a wholesale dealer and his product would go to customers who were not necessarily Chinese.

He agreed with his Worship that a label specifying the quality of the vinegar was desirable, but in this instance the defendant was selling from a wholesale receptacle.

Mr. Lindsell:—It seems to me that the ordinary customers of these people is satisfied with what he gets. He is hardly your purchaser, who should know the quality he is getting.

Mr. Lindsell (to Dr. Severn):—Is it the idea of your Department by taking these proceedings to get the 4 per cent. standard adopted?

Dr. Severn replied that that was roughly the idea.

Mr. Lindsell:—It seems pretty clear that this 2 per cent. is ordinarily sold amongst the Chinese?

Dr. Severn:—Perhaps that is probably true.

Mr. Lindsell:—It seems the Chinese are satisfied with the standard of 2 per cent. and a lower percentage of acetic acid does no harm. There is no question of dilution or adulteration.

One Standard Required.

Dr. Severn:—The point is that Chinese vinegar competes with the higher standard vinegar obtained from European and American firms, whereas all vinegar in the Colony should have this higher standard of 4 per cent. It is only fair to say that it was very cheap vinegar that was being sold by people like the defendant. He does not ask for the price of English vinegar.

Mr. Lindsell:—You mean to say the buyer has value for his money?

Dr. Severn:—Yes.

Mr. Dovey, referring to the two cases he had recalled as having been brought before the Court, said that it was a matter of fact that this weak vinegar was sold by Chinese wholesale dealers to confectioners' shops and the like being bottled up and labelled in the same way as foreign products. For this reason it was very difficult to distinguish between the two grades. There were two cases, Mr. Dovey added, where convictions had been established on the 4 per cent. standard.

Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case for a week for the purpose of looking up records of these cases and ascertaining the action taken by a former Magistrate.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast, and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory at 5 o'clock, stated:—The typhoon is now in the vicinity of Ishigakijima, moving N.N.E. It appears to be deepening.

Local forecast:—N.W. by variable winds, moderate, fair, probably some thunder showers.

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Members are Requested to inform the Hon. SECRETARY of any CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

H. J. BEST,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
Hongkong, September 14th, 1926. [3964]

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Forms for Tendering can be obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICE, H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hong Kong, and tenders should be lodged in the NAVAL STORE OFFICE'S OFFICE Not Later Than Noon on TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1926.

H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hong Kong.

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES CYRIL DALMAUOY ALLAN, DECEASED

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of the above named Deceased are Requested to Send Particulars to the Under-signed forthwith.

Dated the 14th day of September, 1926.

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[3961]

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

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N. R. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Customs ad interim,
For Kowloon and District
B/O, Inspector General of Chinese Customs
York Buildings,
Hongkong 13th September, 1926. [1900]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1926 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES and HONGKONG CLUB ANNEX.

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SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

It is interesting to read that Sir EDWARD GOSSE, the eminent literary critic, has been making a mild protest against the questions that are often put in school examination papers. He was addressing a meeting of teachers in London recently and mentioned that he had seen a literature paper that was set his grand-daughter, but he was unable to answer the questions himself. The sample paper which he used as an illustration in his complaint that English literature is often taught as if it is a catechism was the following:—"State the relation of Wilson's 'Art of Rhetoric' to subsequent criticism of English literature." Mr. H. A. L. FISHER, formerly Minister of Education, who was in the audience, confessed that he could not answer it, nor could any of the educational experts present.

We are not surprised. There are few even well-educated people who have ever heard of the book. Wilson's "Art of Rhetoric" is an extremely obscure treatise of the time of HENRY VIII, and has been very rarely reprinted. It can be consulted with difficulty as only a few big libraries possess a copy. Sir EDWARD GOSSE's point was that any young person confronted with such a question would simply try to remember a sentence from some text-book, a process which was of no educational value at all. His general argument is that literature and especially poetry is, in teaching, made too much a matter of names and dates and not sufficiently an affair of "imagination and passion."

The examination paper was set for "quite young people." Sir EDWARD GOSSE has been engaged exclusively for sixty years in the study of English literature, yet he frankly confessed that he could not have answered the questions in this examination paper on English literature. He would have been plucked. What then, he asks, is education, and what is the use of it? Is it to load the mind with inessential facts which can be sought, if needed, in the reference books, or is it to awaken in the mind an excitement and sense of enjoyment which will conquer intellectual apathy and produce a lasting effect of discipline and improvement? We think that most readers will agree that education should not be framed to store the memory with unrelated bits of knowledge, but to quicken the intelligence and educate the mind, as it were, to educate itself.

The chief defect of the present-day examination system would seem to be—not that it insists on a certain standard of exact knowledge, but that it tends to the wrong kind of test. The questions put to the London policeman ambitious of promotion, judging from a recent examination paper, illustrate this tendency. It is not much to the purpose that an active and intelligent officer should "satisfy the examiners" as to his knowledge of the characters and careers of Lord ALBERT, Mr. J. H. THOMAS, HENDREN, TROTSKY, MUSSOLINI, and MARIE CORELLI, or that he should know the exact advantages and disadvantages of an anthracite stove as compared with an open fire. This, however, was the subject of one of the examination papers.

School examinations are marred with the vice of the "catch" question. The business of the examiner is to discover the extent of the knowledge possessed by a boy or girl and their power of thought. Many clever young people are not good examination subjects, and fail to do themselves justice. The boy who wins all the prizes at school often fails to "make good" in after life. But the point is that whether any individual person knows any particular odd facts, like that cited as an example by Sir EDWARD GOSSE, is largely a matter of chance, and the hazards of the "lottery" should be eliminated as far as possible from educational tests.

Mr. M. M. Watson is the new secretary of the Boxing Association in the absence of Mr. T. J. Bennett.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. John O'Brien, accountant, residing at No. 530, Nathan Road, to Miss Beatrice Maria Castro, residing at Saint Joseph's Building.

The Hongkong Boxing Association has booked the Theatre Royal for the first Saturday in every month from November to March inclusive, thus assuring at least five tournaments under the auspices of the H.K.B.A.

"The East Surreys" are staging a boxing tournament at Murray Barracks on Monday next. The tournament will extend over two or three nights and the inter-company competition for the Hongkong Challenge Shield, and Battalion Open in the featherweight, middleweight and light-heavyweight classes are to be fought out simultaneously.

Two caddies, one a Malay and the other a Chinese, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday, with breaking into and stealing twelve books from the Boy Scouts' Club at Happy Valley. They admitted the offence. The Malay was ordered eight strokes of the cane, while the Chinese was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

The Girl Guide Officers' Training Classes conducted by the District Captain, Mrs. E. B. Reed, are starting again on September 20th at 4.15 p.m. and are being held at Government House by permission of H.E. the Governor. The Secretary, Mrs. W. B. A. Moore, 463, The Peak, will be glad to furnish particulars as to the Guide Movement to any who may be interested.

From Moscow comes the news that a Special Commissioner has been touring Russia, lecturing against the evil effects of tea-drinking. In his last public utterance he declared that tea-drinking was the chief cause of abnormality among the bourgeoisie, and was very largely responsible for family quarrels; in fact, it was a root cause of all misunderstandings among married people. Russia buys practically all her tea from China.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

GAS COMPANY AND GODOWN
EMPLOYEES INVOLVED.

MISSING BARRELS OF TAR.

ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF
COMPANIES BOOKS.

That an employee of the Hongkong and China Gas Company and an employee of the Fook Kee Godown, West Point, had conspired to defraud their respective employers by the larceny of 33 barrels of tar, sold at 18 cents a gallon, by falsifying entries in their respective account books, was the allegation made in an interesting case, which was heard before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

So Pun, an employee of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, was charged with stealing 33 barrels of tar, the property of the Gas Company; and was further charged with making false entries in the account book of the Gas Company, with intent to defraud.

Chan Hin, an employee of the Fook Kee Godown, was charged with making false entries in the account book of the Fook Kee Godown, with intent to defraud; was further charged with receiving 33 barrels of tar, property of the Gas Company, knowing it to have been stolen, or unlawfully obtained; and was also charged with stealing same.

Both defendants were further charged with conspiracy to defraud.

Mr. H. G. Macnamara prosecuted on behalf of the Hongkong and China Gas Company; Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the defence of the Gas Company employee, and Mr. O'Donoghue appeared for the other defendant. Mr. M. K. Lo watched on behalf of the Fook Kee Godown Co.

Case Explained.

Outlining the case, Mr. Macnamara said it was alleged that between August 27th and August 31st 33 barrels of tar were taken into the Fook Kee Godown, close to the Gas Company's works at West Point. This godown was owned by Mr. Ho Leung, but it was not suggested that he knew anything about the matter. In fact it would be proved very much to the contrary.

There was a standing contract, continued Mr. Macnamara, under which quantities of tar were taken away from the Gas Company's works to the Fook Kee Godown. These barrels of tar were bought for so much per gallon, and each barrel contained about 40 gallons, although four gallons per barrel were allowed to the Fook Kee Godown as wastage, they being charged for 36 gallons per barrel. Under this particular contract 30,000 gallons had been sold by the Gas Company to the Fook Kee Godown, and nearly all of this had been delivered at the time of the alleged larceny. There was always on duty at the gate of the Gas Company's works a watchman, whose duty it was to enter in a book the exact number of barrels that had been taken out of the works.

More Than Accounted For.

A certain number of barrels had been taken away on the dates in question under the contract and entered, but in fact a larger number had been taken away than were accounted for. The entries in the Gas Company's account book and the account book of the Fook Kee Godown corresponded, but it would be proved that these entries were wrong. By reason of the entries tallying as to the number of barrels taken away from the Gas Company's works and the number received into the Fook Kee Godown the prosecution alleged conspiracy between the two men to defraud their respective employers, for more barrels were taken out of the works and into the godown than were entered.

These men were also, he alleged, guilty of larceny. In the one case it was actual on the part of the Gas Company's employee, and in the other case the employee of the Fook Kee Godown had received stolen goods knowing them to be stolen. There were also charges against them of making false entries in the books.

Extra Barrels.

The tar was taken away from the Gas Company's works in barrels and then transferred into a tank at the Fook Kee Godown. In this case it was suggested that the tar contained in the extra barrels taken had been put into the tank, for according to the books of the Godown there was an excess of tar in the tank to the extent of about 33 barrels. What they were going to prove, however, was that the extra barrels were taken from the Gas Company's works and received into the Godown, but were not entered in either of the firm's books as having been delivered and received.

(Continued on next Column.)

MEMBERS OF JAPANESE
PARLIAMENT.RETURNING FROM TOUR OF JAVA,
AUSTRALIA AND PHILIPPINES.

DUE IN HONGKONG TO-DAY.

By the s.s. *Aki Maru*, this afternoon about four o'clock, will arrive the members of the Japanese Parliament, who passed through Hongkong last July on a tour to Java, Australia and the Philippine Islands for the purpose of getting general information as to the social, political, economical and particularly educational conditions of those places.

The party is composed of different political groups, comprising—

Messrs. H. Higuchi, leader of the party (Kenseikai), S. Hurozumi (Seiyukai), M. Koya (Seisei Club), Y. Ikeda (Seiyō Honto), D. Ishiguro (Kenseikai), T. Shimane (Seiyukai). The party is accompanied by Mr. M. Okhi who is the secretary of the Japanese House of Representatives.

The delegation will continue their homeward trip on the same steamer, and in view of the brief stay here of the *Aki Maru* no definite programme of entertainment has yet been arranged. Should they stop in the Colony for some days, the Japanese community will undoubtedly be active.

The Acting-Japanese Consul and prominent members of the Japanese community here will go on board the *Aki Maru* on its arrival to welcome the visitors.

LEAVING TO-DAY.

PASSENGERS ON THE "EMPRESS
OF RUSSIA."

Among the passengers who left this morning at 6 a.m. on the R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* were the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, who are going to Yokohama.

Mr. and Mrs. Yamamoto, manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, also going to Yokohama.

Mr. J. A. Hines, Oriental Auditor of the American Express Company, going North on business accompanied by his wife.

It was suggested that these people having obtained the barrels dishonestly would get rid of it to other people. All this had been carried out without the knowledge of Mr. Ho Leung. The books had been falsified into deceiving Mr. Ho Leung into believing he had more tar there than he really had.

Evidence was given by Mr. Ho Leung, proprietor of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, Ltd., and part owner of the Fook Kee Godown as to the terms of the contract and the method of entering the amount of tar received into a book. He said that the defendant employed at the Godown told him the entry in the book regarding the tar on the dates in question was made by him.

A Watch Kept.

Mr. James Ormsby, Works Superintendent of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, also gave evidence as to keeping watch on the dates in question and seeing a certain number of barrels of tar, which had been left filled overnight, taken away by Fook Kee Godown coolies, and seeing these coolies return with a number of empty barrels, fill them from the tank and take them away. On the first occasion the five filled barrels were taken away, and then seven empty ones were filled and removed by the coolies. On another occasion five filled barrels were taken and six empty ones were then filled. The figures varied slightly on the different days that watch was kept.

Mr. F. J. Blackburn, Engineer and Manager of the Gas Company, gave evidence as to keeping watch one morning in Des Voeux Road and seeing fifteen barrels brought out of the gas works. The entries in the book of the company, however, only showed seven barrels as having been removed to the Fook Kee Godown and six barrels on two other days.

Further corroborative evidence was given by Chinese detectives, and this closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Macnamara addressed His Worship and asked for convictions on all the charges.

An Adjournment.

Mr. Hind applied for an adjournment of the case at this stage, stating that he wished for an opportunity to go thoroughly into the questions of law arising out of the case. He wanted time to consider the legal position.

Mr. Macnamara offered no objection to this application.

Mr. O'Donoghue applied for the discharge of his client, submitting that no offence had been brought home to him. The evidence of Mr. Ho Leung that this defendant had made false entries in the book he was prepared to rebut by calling the chief accountant of the godown to say that the entries were made by him and not by the defendant. Otherwise Mr. O'Donoghue submitted there was no evidence against his client.

His Worship adjourned the case until Monday afternoon at 2.15.

THE YANGTZE.

SOUTHERNERS EVACUATE HANKOW.

OFF TO FIGHT SUN.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The following is a brief summary of the latest official reports from Hankow:

14th September.—Wuchang still untaken and assaults repulsed. Southern forces have taken Hsiaokan on Peking Railway and reported to be advancing. Hankow practically denuded of troops and it is presumed they have gone down river to reinforce troops opposed to Sun on Kiangsi Border. All is quiet at Hankow. Local papers commenting on Wanchien, state that fault lies with General Yang Sen. "Several factories foreign and Chinese have closed down and Labour Unions are active. There are no further firings at passing steamers and sailing to Changsha from Hankow have been resumed. Southern Forces have demanded \$4,000,000 from Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

TRADITIONAL GALLANTRY OF THE SERVICE.

Message from the Lords of the Admiralty.

The following message has been addressed by the Board of Admiralty to the Commander-in-Chief, China Station:

"Having received your telegraphic report of the expedition to Wanchien on Sunday, 12th September. Their Lordships, while deeply regretting the loss of valuable lives and the number of casualties suffered, note that the traditional gallantry of H.M. Service was fully sustained by all Officers and ratings who took part in the hazardous expedition, which resulted in the extinction of H.M.S. *Durkhafer* from her dangerous position and the rescue with an exception of the British Mercantile Marine Officers of the two steamers. Their Lordships desire that an expression of their warm appreciation may be conveyed to all Officers and ratings concerned."

Their Lordships convey warm appreciation of Admiral Sir Alexander Sinclair in going to Ichang to meet the deputation which General Yang Sen has offered to send thither to discuss the Wanchien affair.

Second Naval Expedition.

SHANGHAI, September 15th. The second naval expedition to Wanchien is mentioned in a message received

ALAN COBHAM.

ARRIVES IN RANGOON.

The missing airman, Cobham, has passed Mergui bound for Rangoon.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Bad Weather Experienced.

RUGBY, September 14th. Some anxiety is felt regarding the whereabouts of Allan Cobham, who is making his return flight from Australia to England.

Nothing has been heard of him since Friday last, September 10th, when he telegraphed to the *Daily Mail* that the monsoon had compelled him to land at Victoria Point, in Burma, on his way to Rangoon. This telegram was despatched from Renong, in Siam, which lies across a narrow strip of water ten to fifteen miles from Victoria Point, the latter having no telegraphic communications. It is assumed that the message was taken to Renong by some native craft.

The Burma Government has telegraphed to the Governor of Renong asking for news of the airman and the reply is awaited. Reports from Rangoon, which is about 500 miles north of Victoria Point, state that the weather at Victoria Point has been bad and that a depression, which has formed in the neighbourhood of the Andaman Islands, is usually the precursor of a cyclone in the Bay of Bengal. These conditions would hold up the flight and might even interfere with communication between Victoria Point and Renong.

In circles connected with Cobham, the opinion is expressed that the airman is too experienced to take unnecessary risks in a storm and that he is waiting safely at Victoria Point.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Arrives at Rangoon.

RANGOON, September 15th. Cobham has arrived.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

A ONE THOUSAND FOOT LINER.

MAY BE BUILT ON THE CLYDE.

RUGBY, September 14th. There is talk in the Clydebank of a leading British firm of ship-owners building a 1,000-foot long liner on the Clyde, provided the builders can guarantee that the river is in a suitable condition to launch it.

The vessel would be the largest in the world. The *Agipitania*, which is 983 feet long, is the largest vessel hitherto built on the Clyde, and special dredging was necessary for it. At present the two largest ships are the *Majestic* and *Leviathan*, which are 915 feet and 907 feet long respectively.

EXCITING CANADIAN ELECTION.

DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TEN SLANDER ACTIONS PENDING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OTTAWA, September 14th. Early election returns indicate that the Government will be unable to secure a majority in the new Parliament unless the returns from Western Canada prove a surprise.

The contest has been bitter, and will result in at least ten slander actions pending among political leaders, including an action by Mr. Mackenzie King against a Toronto paper for \$20,000 sterling damages and two actions by Mr. Stevens, Minister of Customs, against two newspapers for \$20,000 each.

Stormy scenes were witnessed at the final meetings of the campaign in Montreal, where Mr. Patenaude, Minister of Justice, was unable to obtain a hearing because of force encounters between his supporters and opponents. Eggs, tomatoes and other missiles were thrown.

LATER.

The election returns shortly before midnight point to the defeat of the Government with the probability that the Liberals will have the largest group in the House of Commons, and possibly a clear majority.

The Conservatives, so far, have three gains, the Liberals eighteen and the Progressives one.

Mr. Meighen Defeated.

LATER.

The latest results show the Liberals with 116, the Conservatives with 88, the Progressives with 16, Labour with 4, and Alberta Farmers with 10.

Mr. Meighen himself and five Cabinet Ministers have been defeated.

All the Liberal ex-Ministers have been re-elected.

The country is virtually assured of a comparatively stable Government under Liberal auspices for the next four years, since Mr. Mackenzie King, with the co-operation of the Progressives, will be able to rely upon a majority over any other combination. Moreover, he can probably count on the support of the majority of the Alberta Farmers and Labourites.

Mr. Meighen's resignation is imminently expected, after which Mr. Mackenzie King will be summoned to form a Cabinet.

Hence it is doubtful if arrangements can be made in time to enable the Premier to attend the Imperial Conference, unless it is again postponed.

SPANISH PLEBISCITE.

VOTE FAVOURS PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

MADRID, September 14th.

The provisional results of the plebiscite to enable the people to register approval of General Primo de Rivera's regime show that nearly 3,000,000 signatures have been given in favour of the Government. Several provincial figures are outstanding.

LEVEL CROSSING DISASTER.

VERDICT AGAINST DEAD GATEKEEPER.

LONDON, September 14th.

At the inquest on the victims of the Naworth railway crossing disaster in which a charabanc was run into by a train, a verdict of manslaughter was brought against the crossing gatekeeper named Oliver, who, the jury found, was killed as the result of his own negligence.

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY DISASTER.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED.

SYDNEY, September 14th.

A railway accident which has occurred at Murulla, one hundred miles north-west of Newcastle, is described as the worst ever witnessed in Australia. Twenty-six people were killed and 50 injured.

Four trucks laden with wool became detached from a goods train and ran down-hill and crashed at sixty miles an hour into the North-west mail speeding at forty miles per hour. The trucks jumped over the mail engine and the first coach and wrecked the second coach. The driver and fireman of the mail train were practically unhurt.

AT GENEVA.

LOCARNO PACT RATIFIED.

MORE HAND-SHAKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, September 14th.

What Sir Austen Chamberlain smilingly described to a Reuter representative as "the last act" of the Locarno Pact was staged in the Secretary General's room when all the signatories thereto deposited their ratifications. The representatives of all seven nations concerned were present. There were no speeches, and the proceedings, which only lasted ten minutes, merely consisted of affixing signatures and hand-shaking.

The delegates despatched a congratulatory telegram to the Mayor of Locarno.

LATER.

The Four Classes.

An interesting and animated discussion took place in the Committee dealing with the draft of the resolution referring to the rules of the election of non-permanent members of the Council, their term of office and the conditions of re-eligibility.

Prince Armand Dowles (Persia) claimed two seats for the Asiatic continent, and—referred, amid hilarity, to the scheme submitted to the Committee as dividing the League into four classes, namely, the aristocracy, the nobility, the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, which applied to the various terms of office of the non-permanent members.

Persia and China's Claims.

GENEVA, September 14th.

In the course of the discussion on the rules governing the election of non-permanent members of the Council of the League, Prince Armand Dowles (Persia) and Mr. Chu (China), re-affirmed their claims for seats.

Mr. Adato (Japan) spoke sympathetically of Persia's and China's claims.

Mr. Chu urged that there should be two seats for Asia and added that if the claim was not satisfied this session it would come up next session.

Viscount Cecil pointed out the constitutional difficulties in the way of meeting the claims and suggested that the Persian and Chinese delegates should be satisfied if the report to the Assembly mentioned that adequate representation had been given to the question.

Rules Committee Agree.

After a lengthy discussion the Committee agreed to the rules governing the election of non-permanent members of the Council, their term of office and conditions of re-eligibility.

The rules provide for the election each year of three non-permanent members whose term shall commence immediately on election. In the event of a vacancy the seat shall be filled by election. A member may not be re-elected during the period between the expiration of his term of office and his third election unless the Assembly, by a two-thirds majority, has previously decided that he is re-eligible. The Assembly may at any time by a two-thirds majority, decide to proceed with a new election of all non-permanent members of the Council.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

KU KLUX KLAN.

A "KLANVOCATION."

WASHINGTON, September 14th.

The Ku Klux Klan has opened its third biennial Klanvocation to-day. It was preceded yesterday by a spectacular parade of white-robed hosts through Washington's main thoroughfare. Although the Klanvocation is attended by many thousands of Klansmen, all names are kept secret and, while newspaper men are admitted to the exercises they are not given the names of the speakers or presiding officers. The principal speaker was introduced as "The Exalted Cyclops." He predicted the exclusion of emigrants to the United States within a few years and declared that the recent Eucharistic Congress at Chicago was a challenge to America.

OBITUARY.

RUDOLF EUCKEN.

JENA, September 14th.

The death is announced of Dr. Rudolf Eucken, the eminent German scholar. (Dr. Eucken was born in 1846. He was particularly distinguished in philosophy, history and literature. In 1908 the Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to him.)

COAL DISPUTE.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S SERVICE.]

LONDON, September 14th.

The Cabinet Coal Committee discussed the deadlock for two hours to-day. It is understood that a report on the general situation has been prepared and will be submitted to the full Cabinet on Thursday.

Mr. Baldwin is expected in London to-morrow and it is believed that the Committee concluded that no action was expedient till Mr. Baldwin's return.

Miners Asked to Wait.

LONDON, September 14th.

The Miners' Executive has requested the miners to decline to accept the terms offered locally and to await instructions of the Executive, pending the Government's decision upon the owners' refusal for a national conference.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Government's Next Move.

RUGBY, September 14th.

Members of the Central Committee of the Coalowners, after informing Mr. Churchill yesterday that the District Associations had rejected his proposal for negotiations on a national basis dispersed and left London.

It is authoritatively stated to-day that the next move which the Government will make with the object of ending the deadlock will be to summon the representatives of the District Coalowners' Associations to London to discuss the position and to decide how far a basis of negotiation exists. This step will be taken after the return of Mr. Stanley Baldwin from Aix-les-Bains to-morrow evening.

The Executive Committee of the Miners' Federation met to-day to consider the position and decided to request the miners in every area to resist the efforts of the coal-owners to secure their defeat, and to await further instructions, pending the decision of the Government.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO AND REBEL INDIANS.

MEXICO CITY, September 15th.

The Government are sending aeroplanes, mountain artillery and four battalions of infantry to Sonora to clear out the rebel Yagui Indians, who last week attacked a train in which ex-President Obregon was travelling.

RED ENSIGN ON THE

"HINDENBURG."

DIVER UP BARNACLED FLAGMAST.

GUNS FESTOONED IN SEAWEED.

STROMNESS, Orkney, August 30th.

The whole length of the ex-German battle cruiser *Hindenburg's* upper after-deck, about 300ft., and three-quarters of the 90ft. of the after-deck's width were raised above the surface of the sea late this afternoon.

The fore-part of the vessel, which was scuttled in 1919 and is being salvaged by Messrs. Cox and Danks, Ltd., had been sunk late yesterday and remains under water to-night, but it is not thought that any difficulty will be experienced in again raising what was designedly sunk. It is thought that the ship, which has again listed heavily to port, can be righted fairly easily, and will ride above water on an even keel within 24 hours.

The bows had been above water for a week until sunk last night. The after-deck has never shown above water since the Germans sank the *Hindenburg* seven years ago.

"She's Rising."

There was great excitement among everyone when the stern began to rise from the bottom of the sea. The first sign was at 2.45 p.m., when the word flashed round, "She's rising." The first upward movement was dramatic. It was made by the after flagstaff. Then the whole of the four-aft 12in. guns protruded, wreathed and hung in seaweed.

The actual timber of the upper after-deck was not through the water till 3.30 p.m., and then the danger signal buoy that has marked the spot where the *Hindenburg's* stern lay, 30 feet below, was bouncing on the risen deck.

A strong sea, a high wind, and drenching rain failed to quell the general excitement when Diver Harry Hall, pulling valiantly in a dingy, reached the stern.

Divested only of his helmet and weights, he scaled the barnacled after flagstaff and hoisted the Red Ensign there.

At the same moment one of the salvage officers scrambled around the ship's exposed starboard bulwarks and walked the historic quarter-deck.

Daughter's Kiss.

Mrs. Cox and their 13-years-old daughter, Buby, were present when the ship's stern lifted, the latter kissing her father excitedly "for luck."

The lift was made possible by the divers forcing the bulkhead doors to an aft compartment believed to have contained 5,000 tons of water.

LAWN BOWLS IN SHANGHAI.

THE INTERPORT TEAMS IN ACTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, September 15th.

The Hongkong Interport Lawn Bowls Team beat Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club Team 28 shots to 10.

Another team of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club beat the Hankow Interport Team by 23 shots to 8.

HOME CRICKET.

"THE REST" VANQUISH LANCs.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, September 14th.

England's Fifth Test team, which the M.C.C. nominated to represent the Rest against Lancashire in the annual fixture, the Champion County, the Rest, proved much too strong for the North-erners, winning by 374 after declaring in the second innings 468 runs for the loss of only two wickets.

The scores were:—The Rest: 217 and 468 (for two wickets declared).

Lancashire: 177 and 134. A. P. F. Chapman, England's youthful captain, won the toss and the Rest made 217 their first essay, out of which Hendren made exactly 100. Macdonald took four wickets for 73 runs.

Lancashire were dismissed for 177. Hallows contributing 73, and the wickets falling to Larwood (3 for 61) and Tate (4 for 40).

The batting of the Rest was brilliant on the following day. Hobbs and Sutcliffe put on 100 for the first wicket, Hobbs being defeated after scoring 63, and then Sutcliffe and Woolley in partnership severely punished every Lancashire bowler. Sutcliffe made 136 before he was defeated, and then Woolley and Hendren scored with utmost freedom until the innings was declared closed. Woolley had made 173 not out in his usual elegant style, and Hendren's total was 77 not out.

G. T. S. Stevens was the biggest factor in the dismissal of Lancashire for 134. He took six wickets for 52 runs.

MACARTNEY MAKES ANOTHER CENTURY.

LONDON, September 14th.

The match at Blackpool was drawn, rain forcing the drawing of stumps before the time set. The game was resumed in bright, cool weather, on a good wicket. The North of England were dismissed for 191, Holmes making 48. Mailey took five wickets for 58 runs.

The Australians had compiled 301 for the loss of four wickets when the conclusion was forced. Macartney had at that stage made 100 not out.

AVERAGES.

Hobbs and Rhodes Head Lists.

LONDON, September 14th.

The final first-class cricket averages reveal, most appropriately, that Hobbs and Sutcliffe are still together at the top of the list.

Hobbs heads the list with 41 innings and a total of 2,949 runs. His top score was 216 (not out) and his average works out at 71.69.

Sutcliffe, who is second, played 47 innings and made 2,522 runs. His top score was 200, and his average works out at 66.52.

Rhodes heads the bowling, with 892 overs, and 115 wickets at an average of 14.66 per wicket. Woodfull heads the Australians, having made 1,672 runs with an average of 57.83. Macartney is second, with 1,581 runs and an average of 53.82. Grimmett heads the Australian bowling, he taking 105 wickets at a cost of 17.68 each. Macartney is second, with 40 wickets at an average of 17.81.

HOME FOOTBALL.

HUDDERSFIELD'S FOURTH DRAW.

LONDON, September 14th.

At Huddersfield to-day, in the First Division of the English League, Huddersfield and Sunderland played a drawn game, no goals being scored.

LAWN TENNIS.

DRASTIC ACTION BY FRENCH FEDERATION.

PARIS, September 14th.

The Committee of the French Lawn Tennis Federation has decided not to authorise professional exhibitions or tournaments in any clubs affiliated to it. With regard to a match for the benefit of a fund for disabled soldiers, in which Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen and M. Peret were to participate, the Federation is prepared to allow the match to be played, but only with amateurs. Thus Paris is deprived of seeing Lenglen's last match before her departure to America.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SURPRISES AT FOREST HILLS.

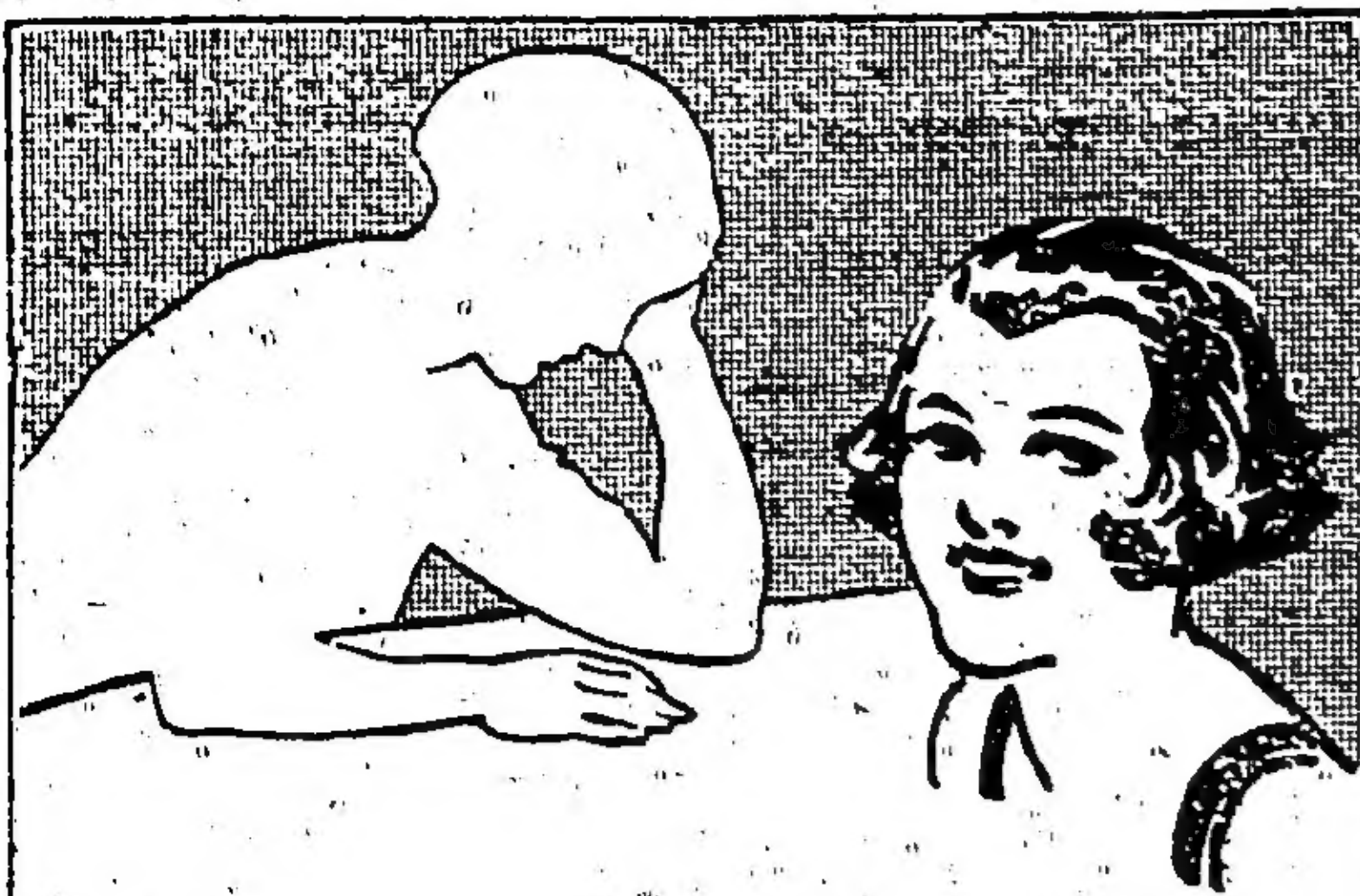
FOREST HILLS, September 14th.

In the second round of the national lawn tennis championship, there were some surprising results to-day.

Dr. King, of New York, beat Harada (Japan) 6-4, 6-8, 8-6. F. T. Hunter beat the Davis Cup player Chapin 8-2, 5-7, 8-6, 6-3.

Arnold Jones beat Tawara (Japan) 2-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Tilden beat the young American player Neil Sullivan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1, and it was evident from the play that Tilden was still bothered with his strained knee.



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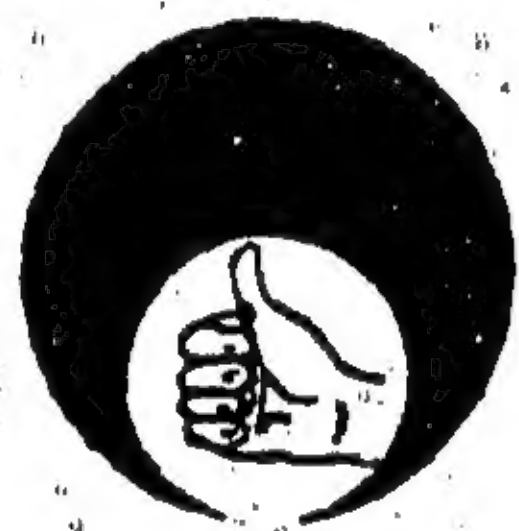
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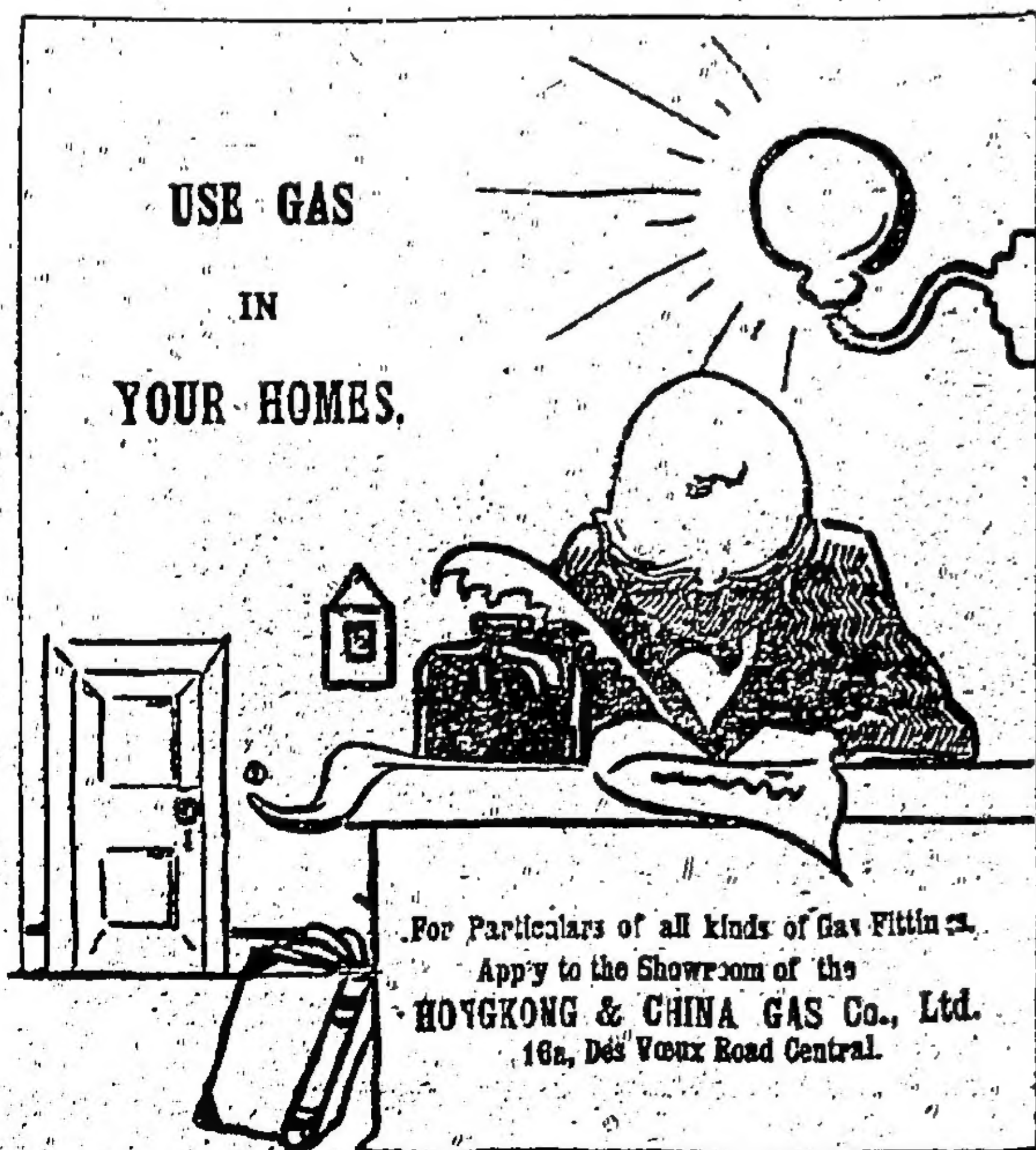
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LOCAL AQUATICS.

THIRD NIGHT FETE.

THE ENTRIES.

Entries for the third Night Fete, which is to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club next Saturday, closed yesterday and the following are the names of the entrants:—

MEMBERS 100 YARDS AGGREGATE RACE:—A. May, E. O. Murphy, E. Zimmermann, F. W. T. Ross and B. Assumpcao.

30 YARDS RACE FOR MEMBERS whose time is 30 seconds or over:—J. A. Victor, S. H. Garrod, A. W. Summers, E. Zimmermann, A. P. Eca da Silva, B. M. Talati, J. Noronha, I. M. Alaraka, J. A. de V. Soares, M. P. Remedios, Jr., J. M. Alves, P. N. da Silva, M. Kazem, J. Barros, B. Alves, F. W. T. Ross and W. G. Lawson.

HIGH DIVE (Post Entries):—C. Evans, W. G. Urquhart, A. May, F. M. Roza, Ferreira, E. W. Hailton, and A. Kitchell.

LAPSWIM 100 YARDS (Post Entries):—M. Gaupier, I. Brawn, W. J. Blundson, Doris Hunt, and Phyllis Hunt.

100 YARDS BACK STROKE FOR MEMBERS:—A. May, E. Assumpcao and M. Kazem.

100 YARDS BOYS RACE, under 16 years of age (Post Entries):—B. Smith, B. Plunnet, W. Coyish, J. Silva Netto, E. Lawrence, L. Barros, W. Lawrence, F. Botelho, H. Soejima, E. Roza, R. Campos, J. McCubbin, A. McCubbin, K. G. Evans, J. S. Lyon, C. Gaan, and Ed. Roza.

The special attraction this time will be the Inter-Hong Team Race for sides consisting of six men each:—

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The Annual Aquatic Sports.

It is announced that the Annual Aquatic Sports will be held, as formerly, at the Victoria Recreation Club, on October 7th, 8th and 9th.

ROYAL ARTILLERY SPORTS AT R.A.S.C. CAMBER.

There was a large attendance of service men and their wives and friends at the R.A.S.C. Camber yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the annual aquatic sports of the Royal Artillery.

The programme was a very interesting one and excellent competition was witnessed, all the events being very keenly contested.

One of the most interesting events, and one which was instructive and appreciated as such, was the life-saving competition. The conditions applying to this event was that one man (rescuer) attired in shirt and trousers swam thirty yards to the man to be rescued, who was in a bathing costume, and returned with the man to the winning post. The time accomplished by the winner was quite good.

Another interesting item in the programme was the high diving, and this was much enjoyed. Points were awarded for form on leaving for entry in the water (straight entry with little splashing); and for recovery (quickest and shortest distance in coming to the surface in a straight line).

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. Robinson, wife of Col. F. A. T. Robinson, O.C.H.K.S. Brigade, R.A., presented the prizes to the successful competitors and complimented them on their achievements.

Mrs. Robinson was introduced and thanked by Lt.-Col. W. A. Edmeades, D.S.O., R.A.

The Officials.

The officials were as under:—

President: Lt.-Col. W. A. Edmeades, D.S.O., R.A.

Vice-Presidents: Major P. Rashleigh, D.S.O., R.A., Major and Bt.-Lt.-Col. H. H. L. C. Gunn, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.

Judges and Starters: Capt. E. S. G. Howard, M.C., R.A., Capt. G. Barrett, R.A., Lieut. C. E. Fenely, R.A., Lieut. J. T. Bigg, R.A., Lieut. A. J. F. Sugden, R.A.

Time Keepers and Records: Capt. W. A. Faueset, R.A., R.S.M. Godwin, B.S.M. T. G. Hollingsdale, Q.M.S. A. C. Parsons, Sergt. Goodale, Mr. G. Fadden.

Secretary: Lieut. J. A. Chester, R.A.

The Results.

The results were as under:—

Unit Relay Race (Free Style).—Won by 12th Heavy Battery. Time: 4 minutes 47.2 seconds.

Life Saving Competition (in pairs).—1, Gunners Beamish and Robinson; 2, Master-Gunner Brodhurst and Gunner Carr; 3, Gunners Proctor and Mitchell.

Diving.—1, Gunner Armstrong; 2, Gunner Spence; 3, Gunner Beamish (all of 25th Heavy Battery).

Individual Championship.—(a) W.O.s and N.C.O.s.—1, Lance-Bombardier Norris; 2, Lance-Bombardier Taylor. Time: 2 mins. 1 sec.

Individual Championship.—(b) Gunners.—1, Gunner Bowden (38th Heavy Battery); 2, Gunner Rachel (25th Heavy Battery); 3, Gunner Clarke (12th Heavy Battery). Time: 2 mins. 6.1-5 secs.

Obstacle Race.—1, Gunner Norris; 2, Gunner Hole; 3, Lance-Bombardier Taylor.

Children's Race (Boys).—1, K. Jacob; 2, R. Land; 3, Holmes.

Children's Race (Girls).—1, V. Yant; 2, Ivy Jacobs; 3, Ada Jacobs.

Half-Mile—R.A. Units (teams of four).—Won by 38th Heavy Battery, the time for the complete team being 15 minutes and 5 seconds.

Sub-Section Relay Race, 30 yards (teams of six).—Won by 12th Heavy Battery in 2 minutes and 7.3 seconds.

Pillow Fight.—Won by Gunner Beamish.

Water Polo.—Winners of R.A. Cup (38th Heavy Battery) v. Rest of R.A.—Won by The Rest after a good game by two goals to nil.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

BASEBALL.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

To-day, Thursday, the South China A.A. baseball team will meet the Hongkong Volunteers in the last of the League games of the Hongkong Baseball Association. Although weakened by the departure of a number of regular players, the South China team expect to put up a good game. Should they secure the points they will become champions again, for the fourth time, or since there has been any regular League games in Hongkong.

The Japanese Baseball Club, runners-up in the League, are thinking of challenging the South China to play an extra game. The teams have met four times already and every game was a close one. Given a fifth game, the Japanese think that they will win.

Club Defeat Reverso.

Playing in their league match, at the Happy Valley diamond yesterday, the Hongkong Baseball Club easily defeated the Club de Reverso, the score being 11 runs to 2.

In the Baseball Club's third inning, Hines hit a three-bagger which brought a pair home. He in turn reached the plate on a home run hit by Ransom. Four other runs were added before the side went down.

Gosant scored the first run for the Club de Reverso, stealing him the way home on a hit which took him to first. A similar run was scored by Alves, who started on a pitched ball and had a substitute running for him.

Owing to the late start only five innings were played.

The teams and score details were as under:—

H.K.B.C.	REVERSO.
Hines	1b. Silva
Ransom	2b. M. Barros
Cockey	p. D. Xavier
Davies	1.f. H. Barros
Muccio	s.s. Alves
Harrell	3b. Gosano
Mahon	r.f. Gutierrez
Ismail	c. Figueiredo
Rankin	c.f. Pereira

Change pitchers:—Remedios and Alves.

H.K.B.C. 0 2 0 8 1—11

Reverso 0 0 0 1 1—2

Runs:—Davis, Muccio, Hines (2), Ismail, Rankin, Ransom, Cockey, Harrell (1); Gosano, Alves (1).

Hits:—H.K.B.C., 9; Reverso, 6.

Strike-out:—Cockey, 6; Xavier, 2; Alves, 1.

First on balls:—Cockey, 2; Xavier, 4; Alves, 1.

Three-base hits:—Muccio, Hines; Gutierrez.

Two-base hit:—Muccio.

Home run:—Ransom.

To-day's Game.

At 3 p.m. to-day the Defence Corps will play South China in a league match.

Protest Withdrawn.

The Japanese Baseball Club have sportingly withdrawn their protest regarding the run which gave South China a win in the last match.

As further evidence of their good feeling they are asking the South China team to play them in an exhibition match on the closing day, Sunday, at 2.30 p.m.

League Table.

League standings to date are now as under:—

	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	12	2	24
Japanese	9	3	18
Filipinos	7	7	14
Club de Reverso	5	7	10
H.K.B.C.	5	10	10
Defence Corps	9	11	18

INTERPORT BOWLS.

SHANGHAI'S TEAM.

As previously mentioned, triangular lawn bowls matches are being played this week at Shanghai between teams representative of that port, Hankow and Hongkong. There are also a series of friendly club matches.

Yesterday, Shanghai and Hankow were to meet, and to-day the match between Hankow and Hongkong, postponed from last Saturday on account of rain, is to take place. Shanghai and Hongkong meet on Saturday.

Hongkong will be represented by Messrs. D. Gow, W. Wotherspoon, R. Lapsley, P. T. Farrell, A. M. Holland, and U. M. Omar.

Hankow will be represented by Messrs. Owen, Gorman, Underhill, and Lester. Messrs. Rowland and Godwin were unable at the last minute to leave Hankow.

Shanghai will be represented as follows:—Against Hongkong: R. C. Aitkenhead (skip), G. Dunlop No. 1, G. B. Stormes No. 2, N. Harrison No. 3, with Messrs. G. L. Campbell and F. Ferrier as reserves. Against Hankow: J. McMurtrie (skip), J. Shaw No. 1, C. M. Sequira No. 2, T. Main No. 3, with Messrs. D. McAlister and J. Brierley as reserves.

HOCKEY.

WANDERERS v. 5/2 PUNJABIS.

This match will be played at the Marina to-day (Thursday) at 5.30 p.m. sharp. The Wanderers will play in whites.

Wanderers:—Sergt. Clark, R.A., Lieut. J. H. Smith, R.A., Pte. Reeves (East Surrey), E. J. R. Mitchell, Lieut. Henderson, R.N., F. B. Jones, J. A. H. Plummer, Lieut. Armstrong, R.N., D. Lyon, Lieut. Andrews, R.N., and Lieut. Fleet, R.N.

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"MOREA"	10,918	31st Feb.	Marseilles & London.
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Steamship	Tons	Sailings
"MOREA"	10,918	17th Sept. 6 a.m.
"SHIBALA"	7,941	14th Sept. 6 a.m.
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Sept.
"NYANZA"	7,023	26th Sept.
"KHYBER"	9,114	1st Oct.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Oct.
"MAINTUA"	10,902	18th Oct.
"MIZAPOR"	6,715	23rd Oct.
"KARMALA"	9,125	29th Oct.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	30th Oct.
"TANDA"	6,856	2nd Nov.
"NELLORE"	6,853	13th Nov.
"DELTA"	8,097	14th Nov.
"KHYBER"	9,114	22nd Nov.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	25th Nov.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Dec.
"NYANZA"	7,023	11th Dec.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.
"MOREA"	10,918	7th Jan.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	8th Jan.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.
"NELLORE"	6,853	21st Jan.
"MAINTUA"	10,902	4th Feb.
"TANDA"	6,856	8th Feb.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Feb.
"NYANZA"	7,023	18th Feb.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March
"DEVANHA"	8,155	13th March
"KARMALA"	9,125	13th March
"MALWA"	10,941	1st April
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUITYANG"	On 18th Sept.	6 a.m.
BALIK PAPAN & JAVA	"TAIKOWANYI"	On 19th Sept.	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZEORUEN"	On 21st Sept.	6 a.m.
NINGPO, SHANGHAI & NEWCHOW	"NINGPO"	On 21st Sept.	6 a.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 21st Sept.	8 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 21st Sept.	Noon.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSI	"HUICHOW"	On 21st Sept.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 23rd Sept.	6 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 23rd Sept.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 25th Sept.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW"	On 26th Sept.	6 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 28th Sept.	6 a.m.
TIENSI	"HANYANG"	On 29th Sept.	4 p.m.

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